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## holidays

*with a twist!*

**116** clever ways to  
decorate and celebrate

**24** VERY MERRY  
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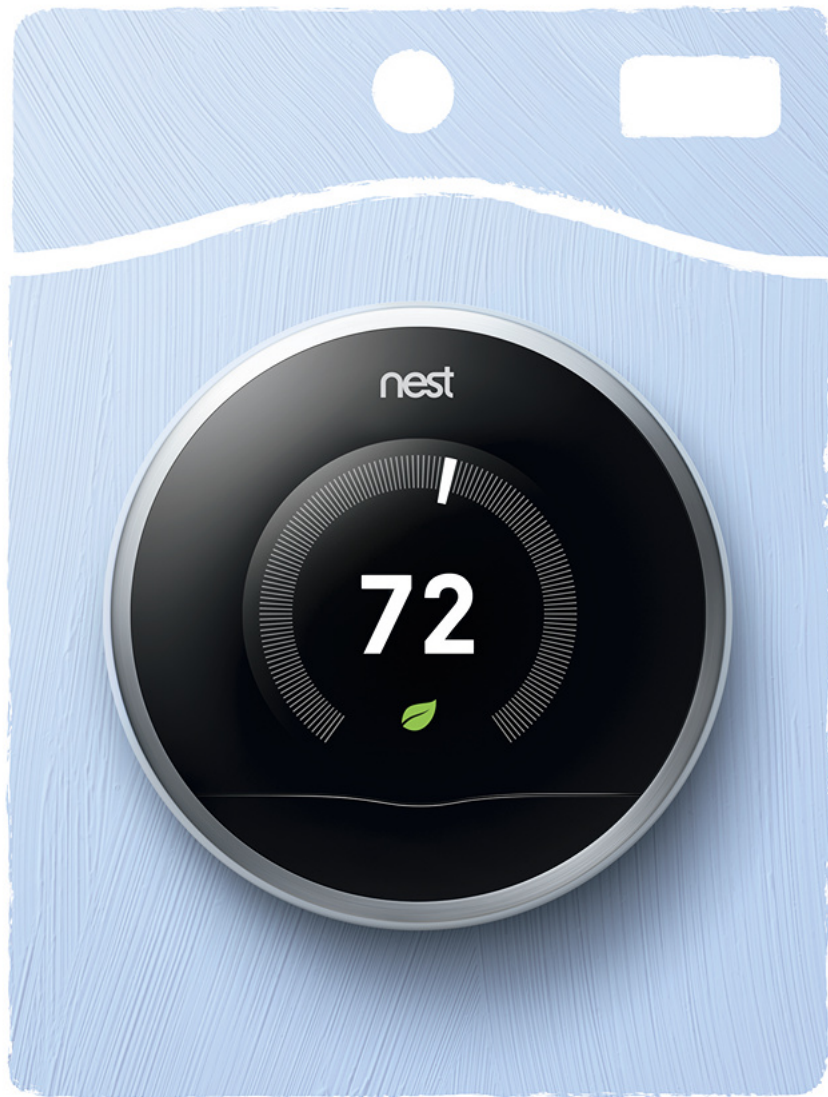
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We customized a store-bought wreath with DIY snowflakes. For the how-to, see page 135.

### outdoor pillow

Embrace 16" x 16" polyester pillow in bay green, \$17.50, [landofpillows.com](http://landofpillows.com)



### bench

Safavieh Indaka 60"W x 25"D x 39"H acacia wood bench in ash grey, \$293, [wayfair.com](http://wayfair.com)



### house numbers

Deltana 4"-tall brass numbers in satin nickel finish, \$9 each, [thehardwarehut.com](http://thehardwarehut.com)

Cut Ruby by Valspar

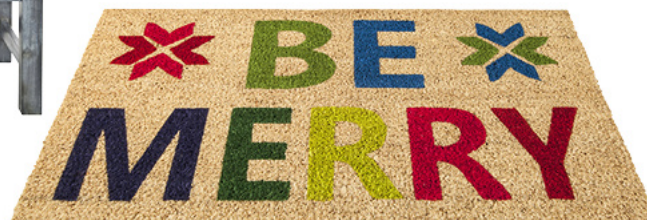


### doorbell

¾"-tall lighted doorbell button in satin nickel finish, \$20, [lampsplus.com](http://lampsplus.com)

### door

2039 (SG) primed MDF and poplar entry door, \$470, [roguevalleydoor.com](http://roguevalleydoor.com) for stores; Kwikset Shelburne SmartKey handleset in satin nickel finish, \$139, [lowes.com](http://lowes.com)



### welcome mat

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### firewood basket




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5'-long wool felt ball garland in ivory and red, \$15, [jamaligarden.com](http://jamaligarden.com)

## ornaments



Kate Spade New York Deck the Halls 2½"-diameter porcelain ornament, \$30, [bloomingdales.com](http://bloomingdales.com)



2¾"-diameter glass ornaments in pale turquoise, \$7 for a set of 8, [bronnens.com](http://bronnens.com)



2¾"-diameter glass ornaments in flame red, \$7 for a set of 8, [bronnens.com](http://bronnens.com)



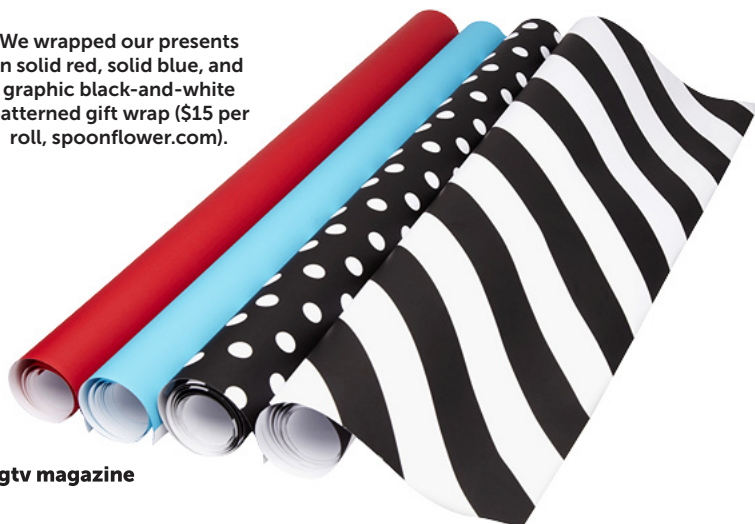
Sea Glass Colored 5"-diameter glass ornaments, \$49.50 for a mixed set of 12, [frontgate.com](http://frontgate.com)



Vickerman Red Snow Cap 3"-diameter plastic ornaments, \$16.50 for a set of 4, [hayneedle.com](http://hayneedle.com)

## wrapping paper

We wrapped our presents in solid red, solid blue, and graphic black-and-white patterned gift wrap (\$15 per roll, [spoonflower.com](http://spoonflower.com)).



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# deck the halls (but how much?)

a little!



A lot of people (you know who you are) are going into holiday decorating overdrive right now: hanging ornaments on not one but three Christmas trees, putting wreaths on all the doors, wrapping garland around every railing, and maybe even inflating a giant Santa—and his reindeer—on the front lawn. Other folks are happy with less: pretty pots of poinsettias and fun felt stockings hung from the mantel. Wherever

you fall on the decorate-o-meter, we want to help. There's an idea on just about every page of this issue—try just a few, or have a field day.

- For starters, take a peek at “Holiday Up Your House” (page 69), where we walk you through holiday decorating ideas, room by room. You'll find plenty of wallet-friendly buys for the season (pillows, garlands, and dish towels), plus some very clever DIY ideas.

- Speaking of DIY, this issue is packed with projects—and I promise that all of them are totally doable, no matter how experienced you are in the crafts department. Start by prettying up a votive or vase with liquid gilding (“6 Things to Do With Gold Paint,” page 85). Then try your hand at making some really impressive presents (“Easy DIY Gifts,” page 45).

- If you're looking for more gifts they'll love, check out our third annual Gift Guide (page 35), featuring our 75 favorite things from 25 fantastic stores. (And if you buy something for yourself, I won't judge you one bit.)

We all want our homes to look extra special for the holidays. (Why else would we put up with unraveling that crazy tangle of twinkle lights every year?) So whether you keep it simple or deck your halls in a huge way, I hope you find all kinds of inspiration in this issue.

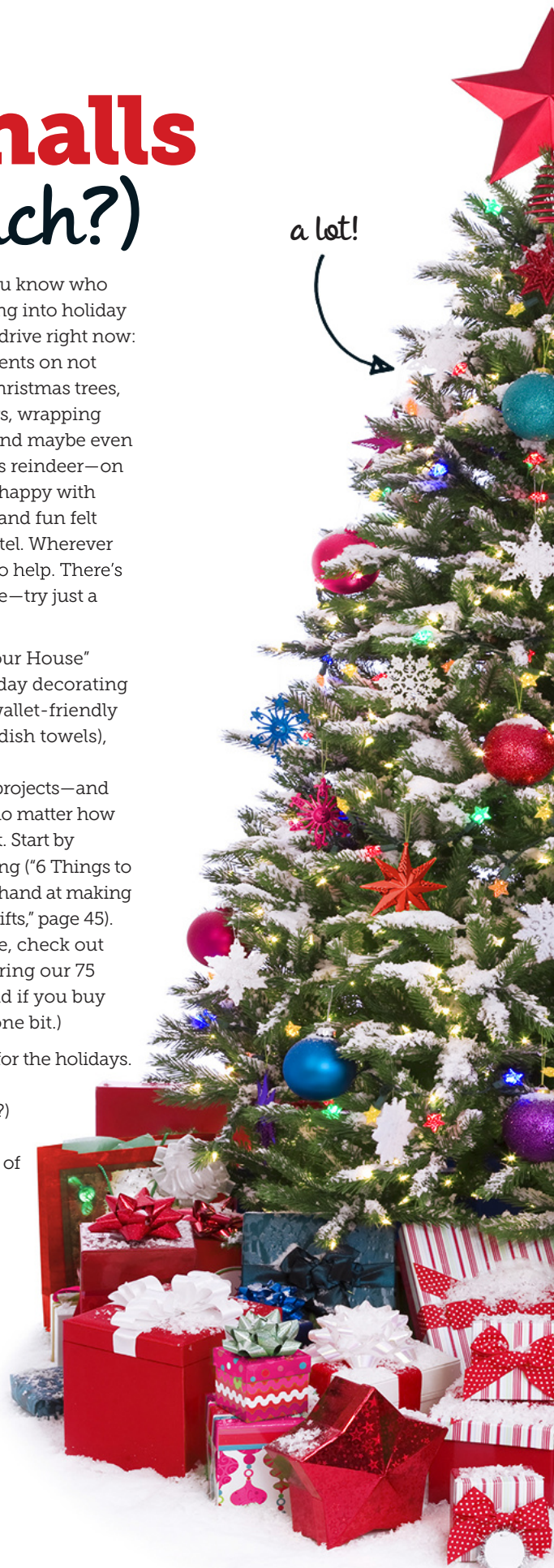
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# dear **HGTV** magazine,



**Seldom does an issue of HGTV Magazine leave my hands with all its pages intact.** In October's issue, I tore out the special shopping section, and the articles on pumpkin crafts and clever ways to use wallpaper. I'm going to be busy this month!

—Terre Morgan,  
Sterling, VA

**I enjoy using wallpaper for DIY projects** but never thought about adding it to the sides of dresser drawers (October's "8 Things to Do With Wallpaper"). I plan to try this idea ASAP.

—Julianne Weibel Foltz,  
Erie, PA



**It was a true treat to see photographs of Genevieve Gorder's inspiring home**

(October's "Welcome to Genevieve's"). I love her apartment's eclectic style.

—Susan Tremblay,  
Portland, ME



**Normally my eyes go straight for the most expensive thing on a page,** but I preferred the more affordable choices in October's "The High/Low List"—including the yellow chair from Target and the floral pillow from Home Decorators Collection. I'm impressed!

—Pat Stuckey,  
Brazil, IN

**Tiffany Brooks' pick for window treatments in October's "Where to Shop for the Good Stuff"** led me to the perfect drapes for my bedroom. I had been searching for more than a year and was thrilled with the variety at curtainworks.com. Thanks, Tiffany and HGTV Magazine.

—Jean Beagan,  
Viera, FL

## YOU SHOWED US!

**Your May cover gave me the nudge I needed to stencil these wood stools.**

First I painted them White Clay by Behr. Then, when the seats were dry, I used the same stencil you did, filling in each one with a different color: Bison Brown, Asparagus, and Eucalyptus Leaf, all by Behr. They turned out just as I'd hoped!

—Millie Herres,  
Manassas, VA



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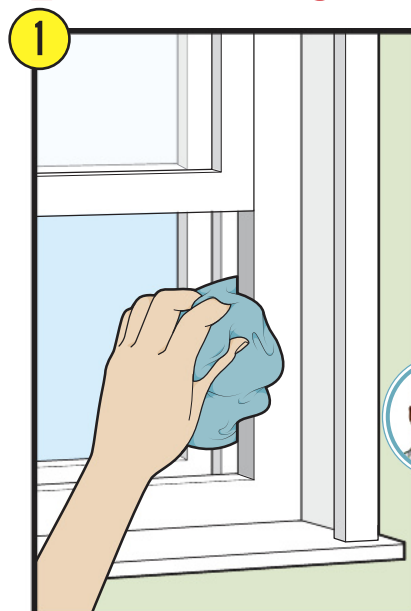
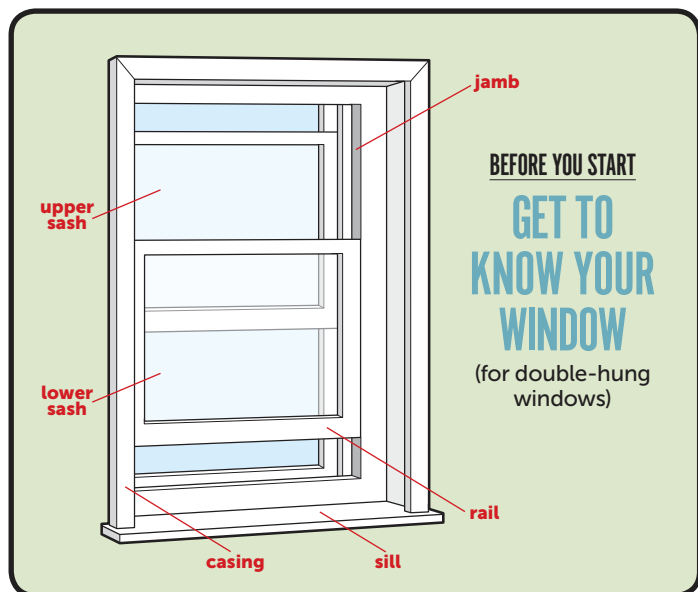


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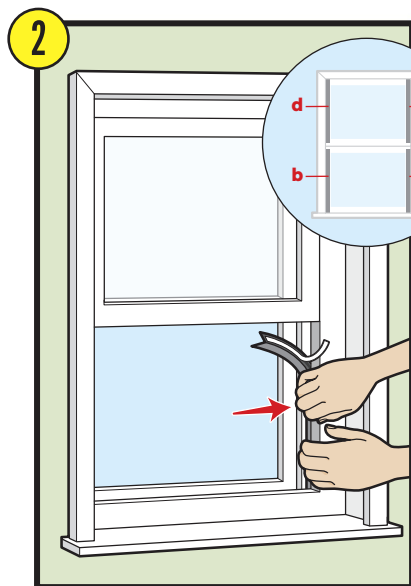


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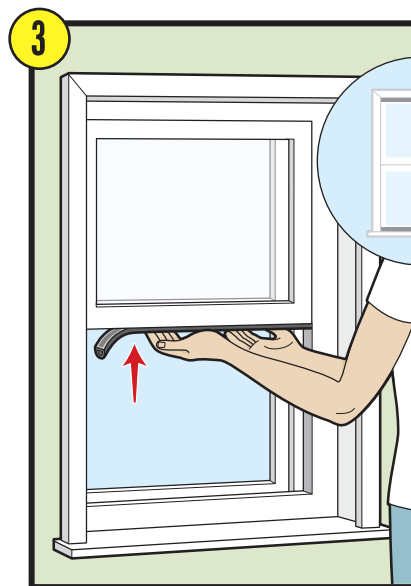


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"I advise avoiding foam weather stripping. Yes, it's cheap, but it'll only last a year or two, compared with three or more years for vinyl or silicone." —Chip Wade, host of *Elbow Room*



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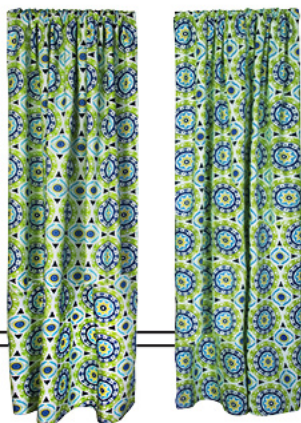
Cut four strips of self-stick vinyl V-channel an inch longer than the height of the lower sash. Raise the lower sash. Apply a strip inside the jamb (a), leaving the backing on the top inch. Feed that extra inch up under the side of the sash. Repeat for the other side (b). Close the window, remove the extra backing, and press the strips in place. Repeat for the upper sash (c and d), but feed the extra inch of V-channel down.



## 3 seal the top and bottom

Cut two strips of self-stick vinyl or silicone gasket-style weather stripping the same width as the sash. Raise the lower sash, and apply one strip along its bottom (e). Close the window. Slide down the upper sash, and apply the other strip along its top (f). Close the window.

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*Tracy devotes her free time to the NEXT "connected generation," volunteering at nonprofits like Girls Who Code.*

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## the NEWS

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# how **bad** is it...

Straight answers to scratch-your-head questions.



...to not warm up your car before driving?

**A:** Despite what your dad may have told you, warming up your car in the morning isn't the best way to get going. In fact, the idea that you need to let your car sit idle before driving off on cold days is outdated, says Donny Seyfer, the chairman-elect of the Automotive Service Association and a mechanic with 35 years of experience. Older cars used oils that took a long time to circulate through the engine, especially when it was cold, which is why they needed a warm-up period. But new oils and engines work a lot more efficiently. "Most cars built from the late '90s on can be driven right away, as long as the temperature is above zero degrees Fahrenheit," says Seyfer. Letting your car idle in the driveway creates unnecessary emissions, plus it wastes gas. The only time it's a smart choice: when the temperature is below zero. Weather that frigid can affect the power steering and transmission, so turning on the engine and leaving the car in park for 20 to 30 seconds can help ensure it's fully ready to drive.

**BOTTOM LINE:** not bad at all!

...to recycle items you haven't rinsed?

**A:** Good news if you've ever tried to wash peanut butter from a nearly empty jar: Recycling centers will accept items even if they contain food residue. "Most facilities flush out glass and plastic with high-powered sprays of water, and debris on tin cans usually gets burned away when they're melted down," says Chase Ezell, managing editor for earth911.com, an online recycling resource. That said, you should still give everything a rinse. Recyclables sit around before you put them out or take them to the processing center, and if they're dirty, they can attract vermin. Also, some cities sell their recyclables, and the cleaner they are, the more money they could bring in. That means more funds your town can use on improvements.

**BOTTOM LINE:**  
sorta bad!



...to carry a heavy handbag?

**A:** Before you toss a bunch of books and water bottles in your bag, get a load of this: Your purse should weigh no more than 5% of your body weight. Toting around extra pounds could give you a stiff back or neck, sore shoulders, or tension headaches. Worst-case scenario: radiating pain in your arms, a sign of nerve damage. "Often women don't realize their health issues are caused by what they carry," says Karen Erickson, D.C., spokesperson for the American Chiropractic Association. You may not want (or be able) to downsize, but Erickson suggests lightening up your bag as much as possible—even if that simply means emptying the change from your wallet at night. Also, look for a purse with a strap that can be worn across your body, which helps distribute weight so it's not all on one shoulder. Your body will thank you.

**BOTTOM LINE:**  
super bad!



## how bad is it...

...to brush your hair when it's wet?

**A:** Just got out of the shower? Use a wide-tooth comb. When you douse your strands with water, they naturally stretch, becoming weaker and more likely to break. "A brush can rip right through them," says Stephen Pullan, a consultant trichologist at Philip Kingsley hair-care clinic in New York City. A comb, on the other hand, tackles tangles more gently because its teeth are spaced farther apart. It also lets you easily section your hair so you can work on small knots one at a time. Love your brush? That's OK—just save it for styling only, not detangling.

**BOTTOM LINE:**  
pretty bad!



...to wash a cast-iron pan with soap and water?

**A:** True, you shouldn't treat cast iron like most of your other cookware, but washing it in plain old water with a mild dish soap is fine. The key is not to do anything that would ruin the pan's natural nonstick surface (called *seasoning*), like scouring it with a harsh cleaner or steel wool. So keep it simple, says Mark Kelly, public relations and advertising manager for Lodge, the country's only manufacturer of cast-iron cookware. "After you cook, let the pan cool off, wipe out excess grease with a paper towel, then rinse the pan under warm water—soap is optional." If you still see baked-on bits of food, use a nylon brush and a paste of two parts coarse salt to one part water to scrub them off. Dry the pan thoroughly to prevent rust.

**BOTTOM LINE:**  
not so bad!

...to not stop your mail when you go on vacation?

**A:** Let your mail pile up and you might as well stake a sign in the yard announcing nobody's home. "A mailbox full of holiday cards is a dead giveaway that you're out of town," says Rachael Risinger, spokesperson for State Farm. That not only could prompt a burglar to break into your house, but it also opens you up to identity theft. "If someone snags a credit card offer addressed to you, they could open a card in your name and start racking up bills," Risinger says. So if you're going away for more than a few days, put a hold on your mail—you can do so on the post office's website, [usps.com](http://usps.com)—as well as any newspapers you get delivered. Also ask a neighbor or friend to check for packages at least every other day.

**BOTTOM LINE:**  
really bad!



...to let your pet drink water from the Christmas tree stand?

**A:** Keep Fido and Fluffy out of your tree's H<sub>2</sub>O. "Your pet may look at that tree stand like it's a fresh bowl of water, but many people add a preservative or tree food to it, which can make your dog or cat sick," says Bernadine Cruz, D.V.M., a vet in Laguna Hills, CA. Even untreated water could cause a stomachache, since it may entice your pet to come near the tree and nibble on the branches and needles. To deter your animals, try pinning your tree skirt snugly around the trunk to make the water in the stand harder to access. Or, Dr. Cruz advises, place an electrified training mat—like a ScatMat (available at pet stores)—by the stand. It will deliver a very mild static shock if your pet touches it.

**BOTTOM LINE:**  
really bad!



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# if your holiday lights could talk

They'd share these bright ideas for maximizing twinkle and decorating safely.

## Try me out first.

Plug in the lights before you trim the tree. Replace any bulbs that are burned out (most sets come with extras). Unlike sets of yore, a single burned-out bulb won't always make the strand go dark, but bad bulbs strain the rest of the set, so it won't last as long.

## I don't want to shock you, but...

Daisy-chaining incandescent lights together and plugging them into a single outlet can be a fire hazard. Check the tag on your set to find out the max strands you can safely connect end-to-end.

## Make me look professional.

For an evenly lit tree, string lights by working from the top down, and from the trunk to the tips of the branches. Wrap the lights around the individual branches for expert results.

## Don't manhandle me.

Tugging at tangled lights can fray the wires. To ensure a long life span for your light sets, neatly wind them around a plastic spool or paper towel roll before putting them away.

## Consider splurging on LEDs.

Plastic LED lights are break-resistant, produce almost no heat, and can last up to 100,000 hours, compared with 3,000 hours for incandescent ones. LEDs are more expensive—sometimes four times the price of incandescents—but you'll save cash in the long run.

## Make sure I'm fit for snow.

Outdoor lights have heavier-gauge wire that can withstand wet and snowy conditions, but indoor lights are too delicate to brave the winter elements. Store them separately so you know which are which next year.

OUR EXPERTS: CATHY CHOI, PRESIDENT AT BULBRITE INDUSTRIES, INC.; SHELLIE GARDNER, OWNER AT CHRISTMAS LIGHT SOURCE; MICHAEL J. JOHNSTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF STANDARDS AND SAFETY AT NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION; JASON WOODWARD, DIRECTOR OF ECOMMERCE AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS AT CHRISTMASDESIGNERS.COM





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# vern's to-do list

Even stars have chores! HGTV designer **Vern Yip** shares his December agenda, full of tips you can use too.

## ✓ Clean and polish wood furniture.

Cold temps plus dry air from home heat make winter especially hard on wood furniture. So I like to pay those pieces special attention with a deep clean. Lightly moisten a natural sponge with an oil soap, like Murphy's, and rub it along the wood's grain. Then repeat with a bit of water. Wipe dry with a soft cloth.



## ✓ Fill the car emergency kit.

Now is when I make sure my car is stashed with winter essentials like de-icer, blankets, a windshield scraper, and a flashlight (my favorite is the Streamlight High Lumen Rail-Mounted tactical light—at \$122, it's pricey, but it works even in temps of 40 below). They all go in a lidded plastic container, along with a phone charger, bottled water, and energy bars.



## ✓ Buy wrapping paper.

Want to score a great deal? Wait until a few days after Christmas when festive papers go for a dollar or two per roll. I hunt for designs and colors that don't look overtly holiday and can work all year, like metallic patterns that can be spiffed up with bows.



## ✓ Stockpile stamps.

Save yourself the misery of repeat visits to the post office by buying stamps in bulk for holiday cards. And don't forget: Not all cards cost the same

to mail. Extra-large and square-shaped ones usually require more postage.



## ✓ Make the house music-ready.

We recently bought a Bose SoundLink Mini Bluetooth speaker (\$225, [bose.com](http://bose.com)). It may be tiny, but it fills our entire first floor with sound. I plan to play Christmas tunes on it all season long.

## ✓ Bring out the preserved boxwoods.

I don't have much of a green thumb. My houseplants always seem to die, so I default to preserved boxwoods (I'm partial to the ones at [uttermost.com](http://uttermost.com)). In the winter I "plant" them around the house. They look natural and can last for years. Best of all, they don't need watering—just a little light misting.



## ✓ Keep a holiday-gift list of who gave what.

Our family is lucky to have lots of holiday presents sent our way. Since it can be hard to keep track of everything, I create a running list using the notepad function on my phone. It ensures we send out thoughtful thank-yous to all the right folks.



## ✓ Check out sales on big appliances.

Last year I snagged a new fridge and stove for 25% off because I bought them in December, when stores are clearing out this year's inventory in preparation for next year's models.





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# great gifts

from 25 shops we love

Did someone say stress-free holiday shopping? We did!



Accompany



**storage basket**

Indego Africa 8"-tall plant threads basket in icy blue, \$65, accompanyus.com



**wood utensils**

Shaw Sisters Trio tools in orange, \$38 for a set of 3, accompanyus.com



**stuffed elephant**

Indego Africa Safari 5"-tall cotton elephant, \$40, accompanyus.com

Anthropologie



**ice cream bowl**

Orkney 6"-diameter stoneware bowl in red, \$14, anthropologie.com



**baking pan**

Star Gazer 9" x 9" stoneware brownie pan, \$16, anthropologie.com



**trinket dish**

Monogram 3"-diameter new bone china ring dish, \$10, anthropologie.com

Bambeco



**maple syrup candle**

15.9-ounce soy candle, \$18, bambeco.com



**wine glass**

Confetti 12-ounce recycled soda bottle wine glasses, \$21 for a set of 2, bambeco.com



**crewel pillow**

Overlap 16" x 16" wool and linen pillow in pewter and mid mustard, \$81, bambeco.com





### makeup pouches

Zodiac 6" x 8½" nylon pouches (Virgo and Cancer shown), \$38 each, [c wonder.com](http://c wonder.com)



### porcelain mug

Colorblock mug in fuchsia and saffron, \$14, [c wonder.com](http://c wonder.com)



### jewelry box

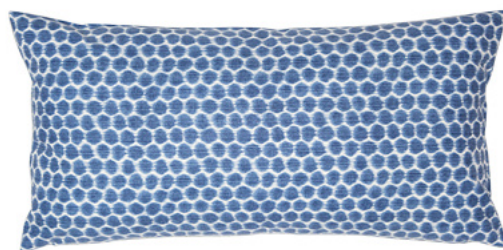
Miniature 12¼"W x 9"D x 6"H lacquered wood jewelry trunk, \$128, [c wonder.com](http://c wonder.com)

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### cotton throw

Wind Farm Patterned throw in yellow, \$85, [craneandcanopy.com](http://craneandcanopy.com)



### dotty pillow

Blue Dots 12" x 24" cotton pillow, \$72, [craneandcanopy.com](http://craneandcanopy.com)



### wine stopper

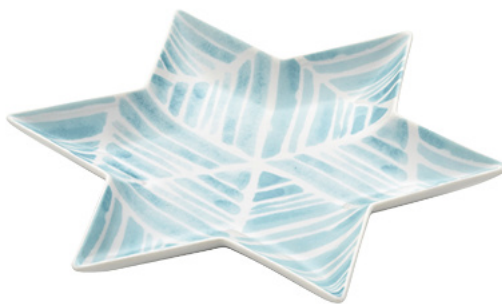
4¾"-tall porcelain wine stopper in metallic blue, \$22, [craneandcanopy.com](http://craneandcanopy.com)

Crane & Canopy



### pet bowls

Dixon melamine dog bowl, \$15, and cat bowl, \$10, both [crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com)



### hanukkah plate

Star of David 8"-diameter porcelain plate, \$5, [crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com)



### espresso maker

Illy Francis Francis x7.1 espresso machine in red, \$295, [crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com)

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Deny Designs



**patterned coasters**

Betsy Olmsted Watercolor Houndstooth fiberboard coasters in emerald moss, \$15 for a set of 4, denydesigns.com



**bamboo boxes**

Caroline Okun Paragon small box, \$29, and medium box, \$59, both denydesigns.com



**dog bed**

Rebecca Allen A Celebration 1 30" x 40" polyester fleece and cotton bed, \$129, denydesigns.com

Furbish Studio



**plaid ice bucket**

Mr. Ice Bucket Tartan 7"-tall vinyl ice bucket, \$35, furbishstudio.com



**chevron tray**

Blue Batik 11" x 17" acrylic tray, \$42, furbishstudio.com



**earthenware vase**

Sister Parish Serendipity 7½"H x 5¼"-diameter vase, \$62.50, furbishstudio.com

Garnet Hill



**kids' slippers**

Shark boiled wool slipper boots, \$45, garnethill.com



**down blanket**

Essential 52" x 80" blanket in bright orange tile, \$98, garnethill.com



**wintry pillow**

Nordic Skiers 18" x 18" wool pillow cover, \$110, and medium square insert, \$22, both garnethill.com





### wall clock

Lisa Jones Studio Silent Fox 8"-diameter plywood clock, \$56, gretelhome.com



### tea towel

Lisa Jones Studio Tulips cotton tea towel, \$24, gretelhome.com



### neighborhood tray

Danica Studio Village 5" x 7" porcelain tray, \$12, gretelhome.com

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### candlesticks

13"-tall crystal candleholders, \$39 each, highfashionhome.com



### phone case

Rifle Paper Co. Painted Strokes iPhone 5 case, \$36, highfashionhome.com



### graphic jug

Maine Blue and White 10"-tall glazed clay jug, \$49, highfashionhome.com

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### portable speaker

Jam Touch 3"-tall Bluetooth speakers in blue, \$80 for a set of 2, hsn.com



### ceramic bowl

Iznik Multicolor Floral 16"-diameter bowl, \$80, hsn.com



### manicure set

Rowallan 6-piece leather manicure set in green, \$30, hsn.com

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**emergency radio**

5½"-tall resin radio in green, \$30, llbean.com



**snow tube**

Sonic 34"-diameter rubber and nylon snow tube in berry snowflake, \$100, llbean.com



**pancake set**

Bean's Breakfast 4-piece set, \$40, llbean.com

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**felt toys**

Freezy Dream Treats toys, \$29 for a mixed set of 10, landofnod.com



**stitch-a-pillow kit**

Alpha Stitch 15" x 15" pillow kit, \$34 (includes plastic needles, not shown), landofnod.com



**sleeping bag**

Bow cotton sleeping bag in mint, \$89, landofnod.com

Lulu & Georgia



**mini frame**

Loreh 2½" x 2" painted bone frame in poppy, \$22, luluandgeorgia.com



**glittery coasters**

Kate Spade New York Glitter resin coasters, \$35 for a set of 4, luluandgeorgia.com



**wood bowl**

Jina 7½"-diameter jacaranda bowl in red, \$55, luluandgeorgia.com





**personalized tray**

10" x 13" melamine tray in red, \$44, [markandgraham.com](http://markandgraham.com)



**plaid napkins**

Preppy Plaid monogrammed cotton napkins, \$48 for a set of 4, [markandgraham.com](http://markandgraham.com)



**leather tape measure**

2"-diameter monogrammed 60"-long measuring tape in orange, \$45, [markandgraham.com](http://markandgraham.com)



**sailboat kite**

Sailing Ship 27" x 21" bamboo and nylon kite, \$40, [momastore.org](http://momastore.org)



**colorful scarf**

Rainbow Argyle acrylic-blend scarf, \$48, [momastore.org](http://momastore.org)



**solar-panel night-light**

Casagami 3¼"W x 2½"D x 3"H paperboard LED night-light, \$12, [momastore.org](http://momastore.org)



**DIY ornament kit**

Goose Grease wood ornament kit, \$22, [onekingslane.com/giftguide](http://onekingslane.com/giftguide)



**scented candle**

Barnaby Black 8-ounce soy candle in woodland ferns scent, \$19, [onekingslane.com/giftguide](http://onekingslane.com/giftguide)



**leather bookmarks**

Sloane Stationery bookmarks, \$35 for a mixed set of 2, [onekingslane.com/giftguide](http://onekingslane.com/giftguide)



Pier 1 Imports



**geometric pillow**

Rambagh Woven Stripe 18" x 18" polyester pillow, \$25, pier1.com



**etched glasses**

Bottoms-Up tumblers, \$30 for a mixed set of 4, pier1.com



**appetizer plate**

Festive 6"-diameter porcelain plates, \$25 for a mixed set of 4, pier1.com

Rosanna



**christmas ornaments**

Pennants 5½"-wide porcelain ornaments, \$15 each, rosannainc.com



**pretty bag**

Calypso 17½" x 15" canvas and leather bag in teal and orange, \$48, rosannainc.com



**gold pitcher**

La Cité 52-ounce glass and 24-karat-gold pitcher, \$68, rosannainc.com

Serena & Lily



**woven frame**

5" x 7" woven raffia frame in turquoise, \$38, serenaandlily.com



**kid's guitar**

Confetti wood guitar, \$68, serenaandlily.com



**hand towel**

Fouta cotton towel in navy and chambray, \$18, serenaandlily.com





### hair tool set

CHI Air Expert 1" flat iron and 1" curling iron in sweet mint, \$100, target.com



### wood deer figurine

Threshold 6" x 10" deer, \$10, target.com



### rolling suitcase

Orla Kiely 21"-tall polyester-blend bag in orange leaf, \$140, target.com

Target



### colorful tumblers

Barry Rosenthal Pop Top glass tumblers, \$40 for a mixed set of 6, uncommongoods.com



### custom family portrait

Mary and Shelly Klein framed print, from \$75, uncommongoods.com



### charm bracelet

Uncommon sterling silver bracelet with 5 charms, \$200, uncommongoods.com

UncommonGoods



### canvas tote

Sweater Weather 16" x 18" tote, \$18, westelm.com



### beaded pouch

5" x 6 3/4" pouch, \$24, westelm.com



### sequined pillow

Knitted Sequins 18" x 18" acrylic pillow cover, \$44, and insert, \$12, both westelm.com

West Elm



### cheese knives

Metallic Accent ceramic and stainless steel knives, \$10 for a set of 3, worldmarket.com



### doggy sweater

Holiday Classic acrylic-blend sweater in red and green stripe, \$15, World Market stores



### glass candle

Green 17-ounce candle in Black Sea scent, \$15, worldmarket.com

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## embroidery hoop picture frames

- 1** Size a photo on your computer to fit in a wood embroidery hoop. (We used hoops in three sizes: 5 inches, 6 inches, and 7 inches.) Print the photo in black-and-white onto a sheet of printable fabric following the package instructions.
- 2** Peel off the fabric's backing and place the fabric in the hoop, trimming any excess.
- 3** Hot-glue embellishments—such as bells, beads, or pom-poms—onto the photos.

**EMBROIDERY HOOPS:** Darice wood embroidery hoops, from \$2 each, [createforless.com](http://createforless.com)  
**PRINTABLE FABRIC:** Dritz Printed Treasures inkjet printable fabric, \$20 for 5 sheets, [createforless.com](http://createforless.com)





## colorful jute coasters

- 1** Cut a piece of jute rope 46 inches long. Tightly coil the first inch or two of the rope, using dabs of hot glue to secure it.
- 2** Wrap a short length of embroidery floss around the rope. Hot-glue the floss at both ends so it doesn't unravel. Continue coiling and hot-gluing the rope, wrapping it with floss every inch or two.
- 3** Once you reach the end of the rope, snip it at an angle and dab it with crafts glue so it doesn't fray.

**JUTE ROPE:**  $\frac{3}{8}$ "-thick jute rope, \$2.50 per yard, [joann.com](http://joann.com)

**EMBROIDERY FLOSS:** Loops & Threads embroidery floss value pack, \$16 for a set of 105 skeins in assorted colors, [michaels.com](http://michaels.com)

## graphic glasses case

- 1** Go to [hgtv.com/sunglasses-case](http://hgtv.com/sunglasses-case) to download the sunglasses image, then print it on T-shirt transfer paper made for dark fabric.
- 2** Cut out the image and lay it right-side up on a canvas eyeglasses case. Iron it onto the canvas following the package instructions.

**PAPER:** Avery 8½" x 11" Inkjet Dark Fabric transfer paper, \$19 for 5 sheets, [staples.com](http://staples.com)  
**EYEGLASSES CASE:** Canvas eyeglasses case, \$3, [shop.canvascorpbrands.com](http://shop.canvascorpbrands.com)







## woodland candleholder

- 1 Use a heavy-duty glue, like E6000 permanent craft adhesive (\$4 for 2 ounces, [michaels.com](http://michaels.com)), to glue the head of a flat tack to the center of a mini tart pan. Let dry.
- 2 Spray-paint the entire pan, as well as two plastic figurines. Let dry.
- 3 Use the same glue to attach the plastic figurines to the inside of the pan, as far from the tack as possible. Let dry.
- 4 Press a taper candle onto the tack—we used a beeswax candle, which won't split when pierced. Note: To be safe, stop burning the candle before it reaches the top of the figurines.

**FLAT-HEAD TACK:** #22 x 1" blued steel cut tacks, \$1 for a 2-ounce pack, [homedepot.com](http://homedepot.com)  
**MINI TART PAN:** SCI 3/4"H x 3 7/8"-diameter round fluted tin tartlet mold, \$2.50, [kitchenandcompany.com](http://kitchenandcompany.com)  
**SPRAY PAINT:** Dolphin Blue by Belton Molotow  
**FIGURINES:** (tree) Safari Plastic Miniature Trees in Toobs, \$10 for a mixed set of 10 trees, and (moose) Safari Plastic Miniature North American Wildlife in Toobs, \$11 for a mixed set of 12 animals, both [joann.com](http://joann.com)  
**CANDLE:** Hand-dipped 5 1/2"-tall beeswax candle, \$3 for a set of 2, [palumba.com](http://palumba.com)



## knit-wrapped bracelets

- 1 Slip a wood bangle into the top of a tall knitted sock. (We used bangles in three widths: 1 1/4 inches, 1 1/2 inches, and 1 3/4 inches.) Cut the sock so it can wrap around the bangle with a little overlap.
- 2 Hot-glue the extra material to the inside of the bangle. Let dry.

**BANGLES:** Extra-large flat-exterior wood bangles, from \$3.50 each, [diybangles.com](http://diybangles.com)  
**SOCKS:** (from top) OTK cable sock in beige, \$18, [sockittome.com](http://sockittome.com); Cable knee high sock in chili pepper, \$14, [wigwam.com](http://wigwam.com); School uniform girls' solid cable knee socks in ivory, \$15 for a set of 3, [landsend.com](http://landsend.com)



## customized crayons

- 1 Preheat the oven to 200° F. Break crayons into small pieces and drop them into an alphabet silicone baking mold. You'll need two to three crayons in the same color for each letter.
- 2 Set the mold on a cookie sheet. Melt the crayons in the oven for 15 minutes. Let the letters cool completely, then pop them out of the mold.

**BAKING MOLD:** Alphabet silicone baking mold, \$20, [nycake.com](http://nycake.com)



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## MOCHA TRUFFLES

Put 12 ounces chopped **semisweet chocolate** in a heatproof bowl. Bring 1 cup **heavy cream**, 1 tablespoon **butter** and a pinch of **salt** to a simmer in a saucepan; pour over the chocolate. Let sit until melted, then stir until smooth. Add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup **espresso** and 1 teaspoon **vanilla**; stir until smooth and shiny. Pour into a shallow baking dish and refrigerate until firm, at least 3 hours. Roll tablespoonfuls of the chocolate into about 20 balls, then roll in **shredded coconut**, **cocoa powder** or crushed **peppermint candies**. Refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour.

## PISTACHIO-ORANGE CHOCOLATE COINS

Melt  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup **semisweet chocolate chips** with 2 teaspoons **shortening** in the microwave. Spoon into 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch circles (about 20) on an oiled parchment-lined baking sheet. Let cool slightly, then top with chopped **pistachios** and **candied orange peel**. Refrigerate until firm.





## CASHEW CLUSTERS

Cook  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups **sugar** in a saucepan over medium heat, swirling the pan but not stirring, until dark amber, about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in 2 tablespoons **butter** and 3 cups **salted cashews**. Pour onto an oiled baking sheet and separate into small clusters with 2 forks. Let harden.



## SALTED CARAMEL-BOURBON SAUCE

Cook  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups **sugar** and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup water in a saucepan over medium-high heat, swirling the pan but not stirring, until dark amber, about 12 minutes. Remove from the heat and whisk in 1 cup **heavy cream**, 1 teaspoon **vanilla** and  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon **sea salt**. Whisk in 2 tablespoons **bourbon**. Let cool completely; transfer to jars and refrigerate. (Makes about 2 cups.)

## MINI APPLE-CRANBERRY LOAVES

Shred 2 **apples** (about 1 cup); squeeze dry. Whisk  $1\frac{1}{4}$  cups **flour**,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup **sugar**, 1 teaspoon each **baking powder** and **salt**, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon each **baking soda**, **cinnamon** and **nutmeg** in a large bowl; add 1 cup **dried cranberries**. In another bowl, whisk 2 **eggs**,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup each **vegetable oil** and **sour cream**, and 1 teaspoon **vanilla**; stir in the shredded apples. Fold the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients until just combined, then divide the batter among 3 buttered mini loaf pans (about 6 by 3 inches each). Bake at  $350^{\circ}$  until a toothpick inserted into the centers comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool on a rack.





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# fun decorating

## take five

BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

"When I restored this beat-up dresser, I went with my go-to color: blue. I'm not a red and green gal during the holidays, so it's the perfect anchor for my khaki and white decor."

—Tonya Diehl, blogger, Love of Family and Home, Murphysboro, IL



wow! what color is that?

These paint shades stopped us in our tracks.  
We asked the designers to spill their secret sources.





## orient express

BY DEVOE PAINT

"My husband built this homework station for my son's bedroom. I used the red as a fool-the-eye trick—it makes the desk and the pegboards seem like a single built-in unit. Finding a red this bright that wasn't cartoonish was tough. This works because it has depth, but it's still a happy hue. My son loves it and would prefer to have all his walls this color."

—Denise Levy, homeowner, Omaha, NE



## off-black

BY FARROW & BALL

"This is a rental, so picking a super-deep black was risky—landlords aren't fond of dark paint. But it was worth it because it makes the bedroom feel like a retreat. Plus, the couple had splurged on the bed, and this color really emphasizes it. If the walls were white or tan, the bed would just disappear."

—Rae McConville, Rae McConville Interiors, Mobile, AL

## icy mint

BY VALSPAR

"I initially painted my crafts room a saturated green. Rookie mistake! It was too bold, so I redid it in this fresh, cool mint. It's a versatile shade that goes with everything. Good thing it does because I'm constantly changing the artwork above the desk. I love the way it looks with this collage of paper pinwheels."

—Carrie Waller, blogger, Dream Green DIY, Lynchburg, VA





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## olympus green

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"A restored 18th-century farmhouse shouldn't have a door that looks too modern. There's an old-world feel to this dusty teal, and it complements the colors in the stonework. Using the same paint on the bench helps tie everything together. It's cozy and inviting, which is great for welcoming visitors—especially this time of year."

—Bridget O'Brien, Archer & Buchanan Architecture, Ltd., West Chester, PA



## coral gables

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"Honestly, this color freaked out my clients. It's more pink than orange, and I surprised them with it. But a vintage faux-bamboo cabinet I found in Palm Beach? Of course it had to be coral! They love it now. It fills the space next to the stairs, and it shows off all their blue-and-white pottery."

—Jamie Meares, Furbish Studio, Raleigh, NC

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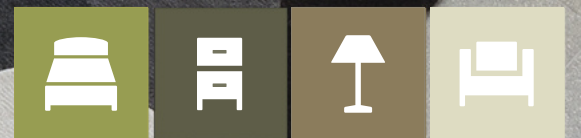
## summer harvest

BY BEHR

"With striking wallpaper, subdued furniture isn't going to cut it. Painting the dining room buffet—a \$120 Craigslist steal!—a sunny, upbeat yellow allows it to hold its own against the toile. It's also a great contrast to the reclaimed wood shelf."

—Barbara Ovrutsky, homeowner  
(and our photo director), Brooklyn, NY





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## real-looking pine

Long needles and wide-spaced branches replicate a classic pine look. Clear lights add lots of bling.  
Scotch pine tree, from \$549, [balsamhill.com](http://balsamhill.com)

## high-tech fraser

Comes with a speaker for playing music and 75 app-controlled LED bulbs that change color and twinkle in time to any song.

iTwinkle Just Cut Fraser tree with speaker, \$299, [homedepot.com](http://homedepot.com)

## gold tinsel

Glistening branches could steal the show without a single ornament.

Toasted Champagne Gold tinsel tree, from \$118, [treetopia.com](http://treetopia.com)



# fake ^ trees

you'll never have to vacuum up needles.

## make it smell real.

Hang these ornaments from the tree. The fresh fir fragrance is uncanny.

ScentSicles 5½"-tall ornaments, \$9 for a set of 6, [enviroscent.com](http://enviroscent.com)



## fraser look-alike

Pre-lit branches turn slightly upward to mimic the real thing.

Fraser Quick Light tree, from \$999, [frontgate.com](http://frontgate.com)

## snow- covered

With velvety faux snow from top to bottom, it has a just-brought-in-from-a-blizzard look.

Santa's Own Snowy Mountain Pine tree, from \$800, choice [christmastrees.com](http://christmastrees.com)



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Moravian Star 18"-diameter iron pendant, [circa Lighting.com](http://circa Lighting.com)



**\$149**

This smaller one would shine in a hallway.

Olivia Star 13"-diameter bronzed metal pendant, [potterybarn.com](http://potterybarn.com)

**\$70**

A hand-hooked heirloom in the making.

Christmas Holly 18" x 18" wool pillow, [needlepointpillows.com](http://needlepointpillows.com)



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Holly Berries 002 16" x 16" pillow, [zazzle.com](http://zazzle.com)



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Louis XVI oval back chair in Danish linen sky, [ballarddesigns.com](http://ballarddesigns.com)

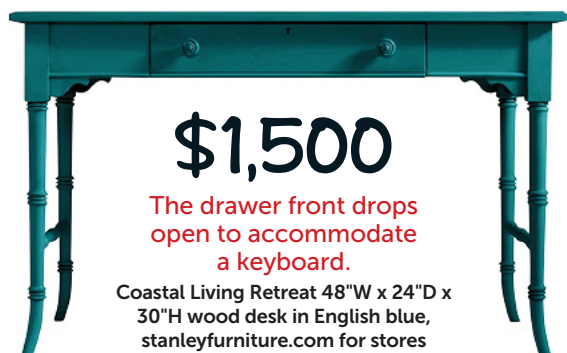


**\$225**

Score two of these linen-blend chairs for less than \$500.

Bergere oval back chair in aqua, [softsurroundings.com](http://softsurroundings.com)





**\$1,500**

The drawer front drops open to accommodate a keyboard.

Coastal Living Retreat 48"W x 24"D x 30"H wood desk in English blue, stanleyfurniture.com for stores

**\$399**

A petite pick that's perfect for a space-challenged home office.

Mid-Century Mini 36"W x 20"D x 30"H eucalyptus wood desk in Thai blue, westelm.com



**\$350**

Based on a design by Paul Revere (yes, that one!) and handmade of brass.

Paul Revere 12"-diameter bowl, necopperworks.com



**\$50**

A raised base elevates this aluminum bowl in a warm gold finish.

Churchill 11¾"-diameter bowl, Z Gallerie stores



**\$1,039**

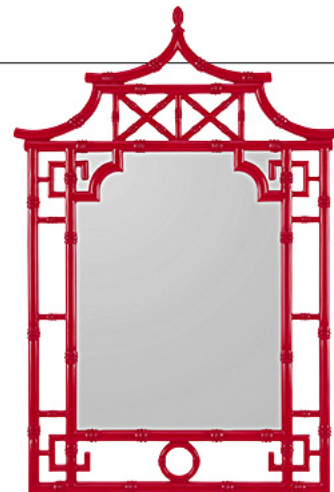
Super-glossy lacquer gives this pagoda-shaped mirror presence.

Bunny Williams for Mirror Image Home Pagoda 56" x 34" resin mirror, wayfair.com

**\$338**

The openwork frame of this Chinese Chippendale version lets your wall color show through.

Cooper Classics Lilly 42" x 28¼" polyurethane mirror in glossy red, lampsplus.com



**\$75**

This intricate box is just the spot for storing treasured trinkets.

White Dash 7¼"W x 5¼"D x 2¼"H horn and bone box, pendleton-usa.com



**\$13**

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Warren 26"H x 28"-diameter table in apple green, [ethanallen.com](http://ethanallen.com)



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The top is narrower, but check out the extra-spindly base.

Powell Round Spindle 22"H x 17"-diameter MDF and wood table in green, [walmart.com](http://walmart.com)



**\$1,239**

This wool rug was hand-tufted in India.

Folklore 9' x 12' wool rug in sunflower, [rugsusa.com](http://rugsusa.com)

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Poppy blues and purples perk up a traditional pattern.

Panache Keshan 8' x 11' wool rug in funky gold, [capelrugs.com](http://capelrugs.com)



**\$1,598**

The violet color and turned legs make this velvet settee very ladylike.

Orianna 54"-wide settee in mauve, [anthropologie.com](http://anthropologie.com)



**\$630**

This slope-armed piece would look so pretty in a bedroom.

Skyline Furniture 49"-wide velvet settee in aubergine, [wayfair.com](http://wayfair.com)





Dear Heather,

Forget sugarplums. Our holiday visions are filled with the cozy Christmas living room you've created. Warmth? Check. Glow? Check. Cute oversized reindeer with garland necklaces? Check. We love how you hung our festive wreath with care on our rustic mirror, and thought to guide Santa down your chimney with our exclusive Glimmer Strings™ lights.

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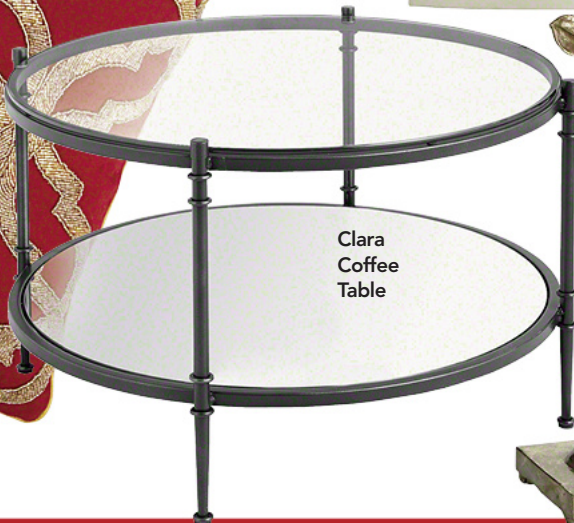
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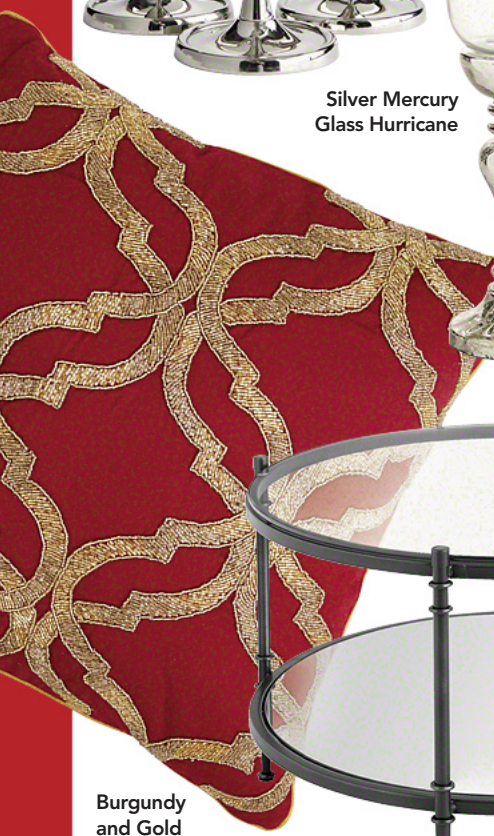
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# holiday up your house

Make every room merry and bright with these colorful finds and simple DIY ideas.



DIY

## WREATH

1. Starting at the top and working clockwise, hot-glue the felt balls to the wreath. We used about 200 balls to cover a 16-inch foam wreath.
2. Tie a ribbon into a bow; attach it with hot glue.

**WREATH:** Floracraft 16"-diameter extruded foam floral wreath, \$9, [michaels.com](http://michaels.com)  
**FELT BALLS:** 3-centimeter wool felt balls, \$.50 each, [tadaastudio.com](http://tadaastudio.com)

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# *holiday up* your living room



## **GET THE LOOK**

Appliquéd felted stockings, a garland of crocheted holiday lights, and yarn-wrapped letters that spell *noel* give the mantel a warm and fuzzy feel. Also adding a crafty vibe: a forest's worth of colorful wood trees. Finish with fresh green boughs and votives with battery-operated candles.

**STOCKINGS:** Hand-felted wool stockings, \$76 each, [arcadiahomeinc.com](http://arcadiahomeinc.com)

**GARLAND:** Crochet Christmas Lights garland, \$36, [handspuncreations.etsy.com](http://handspuncreations.etsy.com)

**LARGE TREES:** Wood Christmas trees, \$6 each, Hobby Lobby stores

**SMALL TREES:** Design Ideas festive poplar plywood trees, from \$3 each, [amanogalleries.com](http://amanogalleries.com)





### metal menorah

Yair Emanuel Colorful anodized aluminum menorah, \$120, traditionsjewishgifts.com

**cookie plate**  
Jingle Cookies for Santa  
11½"-diameter porcelain platter,  
\$20, crateandbarrel.com



### polar bear pillow

Peking Handicraft Scott Church Polar Bear  
18" x 14" hooked pillow, \$50,  
hi-countrybeddingandbath.com



### candy-stripe pillow

Ribbon Candy 18" x 18" cotton and satin  
pillow, \$85, companyc.com

DIY

## YARN LETTERS



1. Spray-paint each letter the same color as the yarn you're using. Let dry.
2. Apply double-sided tape to the front, back, and sides of the letter.
3. Start wrapping the yarn. When you can't wrap neatly anymore, cut and start with a new piece. Cover the top and bottom with small pieces of yarn; affix the ends with crafts glue.

LETTER: 8"-tall papier-mâché alphabet letter, \$3, hobbylobby.com  
PAINT: Tropical Foliage by Valspar  
YARN: Lion Brand Vanna's Choice yarn in fern, \$4 for 170 yards, michaels.com



### cozy throw

Stag cotton-blend  
throw in hunter, \$165,  
in2green.com



### tree pillow

Very Merry Christmas Tree Reversible 18" x  
18" polyester pillow, \$41, overstock.com



“It's a rite of passage in my family to get your own stocking starting at age 4. I still have mine — my grandmother made it for me.”

### STAR TRADITION

—Chip Wade, *Elbow Room*



# *holiday up* your entryway

## **GET THE LOOK**

For a foyer with yuletide style, pop painted branches into vases and trim them with ornaments. Then drape wool garland over a chalkboard for seasonal greetings. Bell-embellished yarn tassels on the console knobs bring the jingle.

**CHALKBOARD:** Economy Series 36" x 24" wood-frame chalkboard, \$24, [lionsdeal.com](http://lionsdeal.com)

**GARLAND:** Cody Foster & Co. Bright Winter 6'-long wool garland, \$70, [abchome.com](http://abchome.com)

**VASES:** 20"H x 8½"-diameter balloon vase in orange, \$58, and 8"H x 6½"-diameter balloon vase in fuchsia, \$23, both [shiraleah.com](http://shiraleah.com)

**BRANCHES:** Manzanita branches, \$9 each, [save-on-crafts.com](http://save-on-crafts.com)

**ORNAMENTS:** Cody Foster & Co. Felted Swirl ornaments, \$4 each, [rockpaperscissorsshop.com](http://rockpaperscissorsshop.com)





### sleigh and reindeer

Design Ideas Alpine 4" x 7½" poplar plywood sleigh, \$14, and 3"-tall reindeer, \$16 for a set of 8, both [allseasonsforallreasons.com](http://allseasonsforallreasons.com)



### dog toys

Retro Sock  
7"-tall canvas dog toys  
in aqua and red, \$10  
each, [harrybarker.com](http://harrybarker.com)



### snowflake rug

Let It Snow 2' x  
3' polypropylene  
rug, \$60,  
[company.com](http://company.com)



### holiday card bin

Holly 5¾"-tall metal card tub,  
\$39, [onekinglane.com/giftguide](http://onekinglane.com/giftguide)



### moose head

12"W x 12"D x  
18"H freeze-dried  
boxwood head,  
\$169, [westelm.com](http://westelm.com)

DIY

## TASSELS

1. Cut a piece of cardboard into a 7-inch square. Wrap yarn in three different colors tightly around the cardboard.
2. Slip a piece of yarn through the top and knot it; snip the yarn along the bottom to remove it from the cardboard.
3. Pinch the tassel two inches from the top and tie with yarn. Tie on small bells.

**YARN:** Lion's Pride Woolspun yarn in orchid pink, \$6 for an 127-yard skein, and Lion Brand Vanna's Choice yarn in mustard and fern, \$4 for each 170-yard skein, all [michaels.com](http://michaels.com)

**BELLS:** Creatology 18-millimeter Jingle Bells in silver, \$4 for a set of 38, [michaels.com](http://michaels.com)



### STAR TRADITION

“ Since I was a kid, the grand finale to our family's candlelit Christmas dinner has always been snowballs—ice cream balls rolled in coconut. ”

—Meg Caswell,  
HGTV designer



# *holiday up* your kitchen



## **GET THE LOOK**

Hung sink-side for the holidays, a bulletin board covered with Christmas cards introduces some “ho ho ho” into the kitchen scene. Cranberry-scented dish soap and pine-scented hand soap—plus a bulb-patterned tea towel—make cleanup feel less like a chore. In colorful pots, fragrant lemon cypresses look like mini Christmas trees.

**CURTAIN FABRIC:** China Seas by Quadrille Georgia

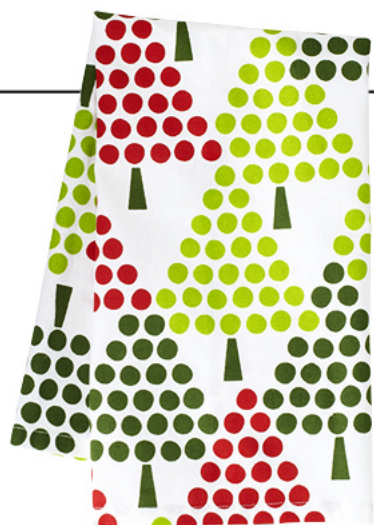
Small Scale linen-cotton-blend fabric in pink magenta, [decorativebuyingservice.com](http://decorativebuyingservice.com) for buying info

**SOAP:** Cranberry scent dish soap and Iowa pine scent hand soap, \$4 each, both [mrsmeysers.com](http://mrsmeysers.com)

**TEA TOWEL:** Merry & Bright tea towel, \$17 for a set of 3, [papersource.com](http://papersource.com)

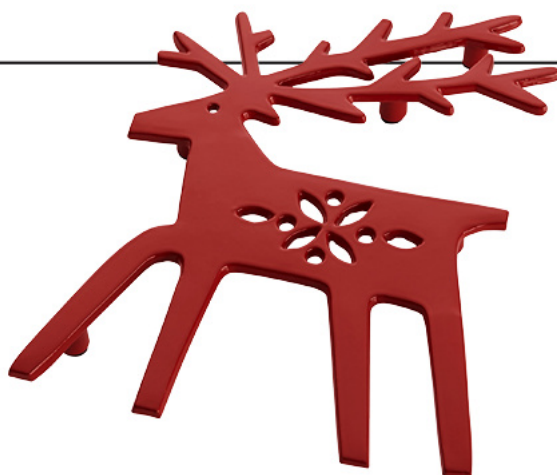
**POTS:** Lee's Pottery Cupcake 6"-tall planter in red, \$12, and Electric 5"-tall flowerpot in blue, \$7, both The Home Depot stores





### dish towel

Whimsy Dot Trees cotton dish towel, \$13 for a mixed set of 2, tag2u.com



### reindeer trivet

Aluminum 10" x 8" trivet, \$17, crateandbarrel.com



## DIY BULLETIN BOARD

1. Spray-paint a framed corkboard. Let dry.
2. Attach a piece of burlap to the cork with spray mount.
3. Hot-glue ribbon around the edge of the burlap, just inside the frame.

CORKBOARD: 28¼" x 24¼" framed corkboard, \$50, hobbylobby.com  
 PAINT: Gloss Watermelon by Krylon  
 BURLAP: BLP burlap fabric in avocado, \$4 per yard, hobbylobby.com  
 RIBBON: Burlap ribbon in turquoise with white stripe, \$1 for 4 feet, hobbylobby.com



### cookie jar

Red Car With Holiday Tree 11"W x 6"D x 8½"H dolomite cookie jar, \$13, worldmarket.com



### tumbler

Dreidel 6-ounce glass, \$3.50, crateandbarrel.com



### STAR TRADITION

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—Vern Yip, HGTV designer



### spatula

Be Jolly silicone and wood spatula, \$15 for a mixed set of 2, shopmerimeri.com



### pet bowl

Kenya small metal bowl in red, \$34, jayestudio.com



# *holiday up* your bathroom

## **GET THE LOOK**

Help overnight guests keep track of their towels by assigning them peel-and-stick numbered *elf* decals. Another way to deck the walls: Outline the vanity mirror with graphic washi tape. Pull it all together with a winter-themed rug in matching colors.

**ELF DECALS:** Custom 2½"-tall removable vinyl lettering, \$1 per letter, [vinylwallexpressions.com](http://vinylwallexpressions.com)

**BATH TOWELS:** Dot to Dot bath towels in citron and aqua, \$28 each, and hand towel in aqua, \$20, all [garnethill.com](http://garnethill.com)

**BATH MAT:** Style Selections Holiday Patchwork 20" x 34" cotton bath mat, \$28, [theprimroselane.com](http://theprimroselane.com)







### toilet paper

Kurt S. Adler  
Cross Stitch  
Reindeer  
200-sheet  
toilet paper,  
\$13, digsn  
gifts.com

### scent diffuser

Home Ambiance  
glass and bamboo  
reed diffuser in  
sugar plum scent,  
\$32, voluspa.com



### ring dish

Snow Much Fun 6" x 9 1/4" dolomite tray,  
\$13, bedbathandbeyond.com



### shower curtain

Andrea Victoria Jolly Ornaments  
polyester shower curtain, \$89,  
denydesigns.com



### tissue box cover

Chevron 6"W x 6"D x 6"H  
metal tissue box cover in green,  
\$30, jayesstudio.com

### soap pump

Tree 7 1/2"-tall hand  
soap in holiday  
forest scent, \$6,  
pier1.com



DIY

## WRAPPED JARS + VOTIVES

1. Cut wrapping paper to fit around the jar or votive. Wrap it around, sealing the seams with double-sided tape.
2. Decorate other jars or votives with washi tape.

**WRAPPING PAPER:** Merry double-sided gift wrap, \$9 for two 24" x 36" sheets, smockpaper.com; Gumdrops and Ribbon Candy gift wrap, \$6.50 for each set of two 20" x 30" sheets, snowandgraham.com  
**WASHI TAPE:** Recollections washi tape, from \$5 per roll, Michaels stores



### STAR TRADITION

“Without fail, my husband and his family do the Polar Bear Plunge into Boston Harbor on New Year's Day. Brrrr!”

—Taniya Nayak,  
HGTV designer



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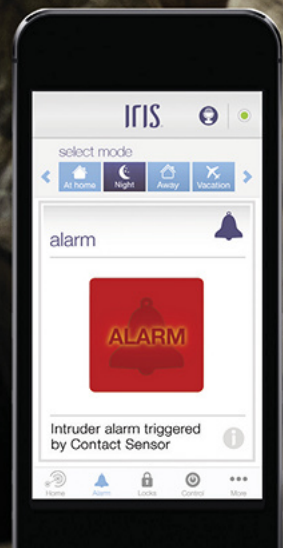
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## *gingerbread houses* for sale!

These charming homes are loaded with so many sweet details, Hansel and Gretel would be jealous.

HOUSE: JAKE BOYD; CANDY: ANDREW PURCELL; FOOD STYLING: CARRIE PURCELL



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### Chesaning, MI

**\$159,000**

4 BR, 2 BA, 3,334 sq. ft., built in 1895

- Three stories with original hardwood flooring and trim throughout
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- Corner lot with spacious front and back yards

AGENT: HOWARD EBENHOEH, GARROW & ASSOCIATES REALTORS



### Murfreesboro, NC

**\$219,000**

5 BR, 3 BA, 3,950 sq. ft., built in 1870

- Grand entry with double front doors and marble flooring
- French doors throughout the first floor
- Basement apartment with full bath

AGENT: MERYL BROWN, UNITED COUNTRY JOE MURRAY REALTY, LLC



Bargeboard

### Lowell, MA

**\$139,999**

3 BR, 2 BA, 1,802 sq. ft., built in 1880

- Large bay window that gets lots of light
- Vintage-style tin ceilings in the dining room and kitchen
- Spiral staircase in the foyer

AGENT: PAUL BROUILLETTE, LAER REALTY PARTNERS





## Ferndale, CA \$1,350,000

9 BR, 9 BA, 6,664 sq. ft., built in 1854

- Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances
- Multiple outdoor spaces including a new deck, a brick patio, and a gazebo
- Currently a bed-and-breakfast

AGENT: LINDA DISIERE, DISIERE & ASSOCIATES



## Watertown, SD \$379,900

4 BR, 2½ BA, 4,150 sq. ft., built in 1887

- Open kitchen with pantry and built-in hutch
- Fourteen stained-glass windows throughout
- Detached, heated four-car garage with upstairs space for additional storage

AGENT: SUE MATTINGLY, ROBY REALTORS



## Denver, CO \$489,155

3 BR, 2 BA, 1,781 sq. ft., built in 1890

- New kitchen with granite countertops
- Decks off the first and second floors
- Located across the street from a park

AGENT: KELLY HUMANN, RE/MAX PROFESSIONALS



## Osceola, IA \$264,900

4 BR, 4 BA, 2,424 sq. ft., built in 1897

- Eat-in kitchen with exposed brick walls
- Nine-foot ceilings on the first floor
- Detached carriage house with a living area and a deck

AGENT: RALPH STONEHOCKER, RE/MAX REAL ESTATE GROUP





# buying & selling

## a look back at 2014

Some highlights from this year's real estate ups and downs.

# 4,940,000

The number of  
houses sold,  
down from  
5,090,000 in 2013.

Source: a projection by the  
National Association of Realtors



The **median**  
**price of a house**  
in the United  
States, up from  
\$197,100 in 2013.

Source: a projection by  
the National Association  
of Realtors



# \$147,000,000

The price for the **most expensive residential property** ever purchased in the United States—an 18-acre oceanfront estate in East Hampton, NY. Bought by a hedge fund manager, it includes formal gardens and a 9,000-square-foot single-story house with four—yes, only four—bedrooms.

Source: Jonathan Miller, president of Miller Samuel Inc., a real estate appraisal and consulting firm



# 187,800

That's how many times visitors on real estate website Zillow clicked on this \$299,000 waterfront townhouse (boat slip included) in St. Petersburg, FL, making it the **most-viewed home** on the site for 2014.



The number of free homes—with no transfer taxes or mortgage responsibility—**gifted to veterans and military families through Homes on the Homefront** this year. Since it started in 2012, the program has given away more than 400 homes.

Source: a projection by Operation Homefront



The **typical age of a house bought in 2014**. (The quick math: Those homes were built in 1993.)

Source: National Association of Realtors



**The top 4 features included in new-construction homes:**

1. A walk-in closet in the master bedroom
2. A tie: a laundry room and energy-efficient windows
3. A great room

Source: National Association of Home Builders



**↑ 26.8%**

That's how much **house prices rose in South Bend, IN—the sharpest increase in the United States.** Naples, FL, and Las Vegas, NV, were close behind.

Source: National Association of Realtors



**57 days:**  
Washington, D.C

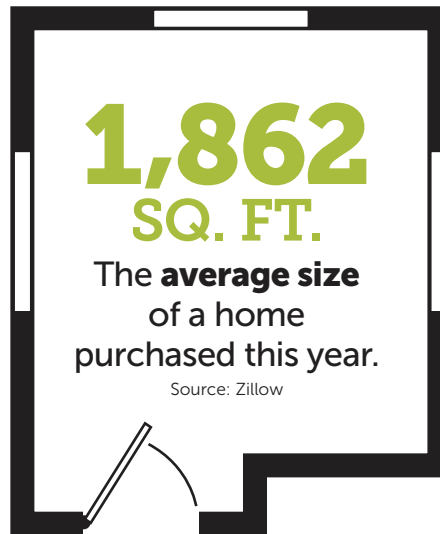


**190 days:**  
Vermont

**650,000**

**The number of new homes built**, compared with 618,000 in 2013.

Source: a projection by the National Association of Home Builders



**1,862 SQ. FT.**

**The average size of a home purchased this year.**

Source: Zillow

**10** The average number of years **an owner lived in a home** before selling it.

Source: National Association of Realtors

The median length of time a house in Washington, D.C., and Vermont was on the market on Zillow. **At 57 days, homes in D.C. sold the fastest in the United States. At 190, Vermont homes were slowest to sell.**

Source: Zillow

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# time to DIY



## 6 things to do with *gold paint*

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## 1 "dip" vases

1. Wrap electrical tape around a glass chemistry flask at an angle.
2. Using a pouncer, paint everything below the tape, including the bottom, with liquid gilding. Peel off the tape while the gilding is still wet.
3. Let dry upside down.

**FLASKS:** Corning Pyrex 500-milliliter long-neck shaker flask, \$21; 1-liter long-neck shaker flask, \$36.50; and 250-milliliter flat-bottom flask, \$6.50, all [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)  
**LIQUID GILDING:** Martha Stewart Crafts liquid gilding in gold, \$7, [michaels.com](http://michaels.com)

## 2 patternize notebooks

1. Affix a stencil to the cover of a notebook with repositionable spray mount.
2. Using a pouncer, fill in the stencil with liquid gilding. Remove the stencil while the gilding is still wet. Let dry.

**NOTEBOOKS:** Moleskine Volant 8¼" x 5" notebooks, \$13 for a mixed set of 2 (in pinks or blues), [staples.com](http://staples.com)  
**STENCILS:** Handmade Charlotte stencils, \$6 for a mixed set of 8, [darbysmart.com](http://darbysmart.com)  
**LIQUID GILDING:** Martha Stewart Crafts liquid gilding in gold, \$7, [michaels.com](http://michaels.com)



## 3 stripe votive candles

1. Wrap rubber bands horizontally or vertically around a glass votive holder to create stripes (the more space between the rubber bands, the wider the stripe).
2. Flip the votive holder upside down and completely coat it with spray paint. Wait a few minutes, then snip off the rubber bands with small scissors. Let dry upside down.

**VOTIVE HOLDERS WITH CANDLES:** Sinnlig scented candle in glass in orange, green, turquoise, and lilac, \$2 each, IKEA stores  
**SPRAY PAINT:** Bright Coat Gold by Rust-Oleum





## 4 glitz up kids' magnets

1. Lay the magnets faceup. Spray-paint them, directing the nozzle at an angle to get in the nooks and crannies of each letter. Let dry.

**MAGNETS:** Alex magnetic letters, \$8, [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)  
**SPRAY PAINT:** Bright Coat Gold by Rust-Oleum



## 5 brighten an umbrella

1. Go to [hgvtv.com/gold-diy](http://hgvtv.com/gold-diy) to download the raindrop template, and print it onto an 8½" x 11" sheet of label paper. Cut out the raindrop with a crafts knife and discard it—the remaining paper is your stencil. Repeat three or four times. (The label paper loses stickiness, so you'll need a few stencils for one umbrella.)

2. Open the umbrella and lay one section flat on an ironing board.

Remove the backing from one of the stencils and adhere it to the umbrella.

3. Using a pouncer, fill in the stencil with crafts paint. Remove the stencil while the paint is still wet. Repeat on each section of the umbrella. Let dry.

**UMBRELLA:** Classic Sky Blue stick umbrella, \$45, [shop.bellaumbrella.com](http://shop.bellaumbrella.com)

**CRAFTS PAINT:** Martha Stewart Crafts metallic acrylic paint in gold, \$2.50 for 2 ounces, [michaels.com](http://michaels.com)

## 6 stencil a pillow

1. Go to [hgvtv.com/gold-diy](http://hgvtv.com/gold-diy) to download the ampersand template, and print it onto an 8½" x 11" sheet of paper.

2. Cut a piece of freezer paper to about the same size as your pillow. Lay the paper on top of the ampersand printout with the shiny side down. Trace the ampersand onto the freezer paper with a pencil (Fig. A).

3. Cut out the ampersand with a crafts knife (Fig. B) and discard it, but cut out and keep the two center sections. They'll be your stencil, along with the remaining paper.

4. Stick a piece of cardboard inside a pillow cover to keep it flat. Using medium heat, iron the stencil, including the ampersand's center sections, onto the pillow cover (Fig. C).

5. Using glitter spray paint, fill in the stencil. Remove the stencil while the paint is still wet, using tweezers for the ampersand's center sections. Let dry.

**PILLOW COVER:** Vargyllen 20" x 20" cushion cover, \$5, IKEA stores

**SPRAY PAINT:** Glitter Blast Golden Glow by Krylon



FIG. A



FIG. B



FIG. C



# stars make



These stockings were made with two different templates (A and B)—download them and get the sewing instructions at [hgtv.com/stocking](http://hgtv.com/stocking).



## monogrammed

Emily Henderson, HGTV designer

**1** Using template A, cut a stocking front and back out of white duck canvas. Following the online instructions, sew the pieces together.

**2** Adhere different-size letter stickers to the front. Use a pouncer to paint the fabric, covering the stickers. Unpeel the stickers while the paint is still wet (you can use tweezers to lift the corners). Let dry.

**3** Use a pouncer to paint the back. Let dry. Stitch a ribbon loop inside the top right corner.

**DUCK CANVAS:** Organic cotton duck canvas, \$17 per yard, [purlsoho.com](http://purlsoho.com)

**STICKERS:** Cosco Helvetica 2" vinyl letters, \$9 for a set of 256 characters, [staples.com](http://staples.com);

Puffy XL lowercase alphabet stickers, \$5 for a set of 44 characters, [momenta.com](http://momenta.com); Vladi's large alphabet stickers, \$9 for a set of 40 characters, [eksuccessbrands.com](http://eksuccessbrands.com)

**PAINT:** Martha Stewart Crafts satin acrylic paint in habanero, \$2 for 2 ounces, [michaels.com](http://michaels.com)



## block-stamped

Vern Yip, HGTV designer

**1** Using template A, cut a stocking front and back out of large white Tyvek mailing envelopes (available at office supply stores). Following the online instructions, sew the pieces together.

**2** Use a pouncer to coat wood block stamps with crafts paint, then stamp them onto the front of the stocking. Let dry.

**3** Stitch a ribbon loop inside the top right corner.

**STAMPS:** For a similar look, try [charancreations.etsy.com](http://charancreations.etsy.com).

**PAINT:** Martha Stewart Crafts metallic acrylic paint in gold, \$2.50 for 2 ounces, [michaels.com](http://michaels.com)



## retro fabric

David Bromstad, HGTV designer

**1** Using template A, cut a stocking front and back out of a piece of vintage or vintage-style fabric. Following the online instructions, sew the pieces together.

**2** Stitch a ribbon loop inside the top right corner.

**FABRIC:** For a similar look, try [hartsfabric.com](http://hartsfabric.com).



# stockings

HGTV hosts share their ideas for made-from-scratch stockings.



## blueprint-patterned

Tarek El Moussa, *Flip or Flop*

- 1 Laminate an old blueprint or blueprint reproduction with iron-on vinyl, following the package instructions.
- 2 Using template B, cut the blueprint into a stocking front and back.
- 3 Following the online instructions, sew the pieces together. Stitch a ribbon loop inside the top right corner.

**BLUEPRINT:** For a similar look, try HGTV blueprint, \$39, [oldblueprints.com](http://oldblueprints.com).

**IRON-ON VINYL:** Heat'n Bond Flex vinyl matte, \$5 per yard, [fabric.com](http://fabric.com)



## dotted felt

Christina El Moussa, *Flip or Flop*

- 1 Using template B, cut a stocking front and back out of felt.
- 2 Attach rows of felt garland to the front with fabric glue, trimming any excess.
- 3 Following the online instructions, sew the pieces together. Stitch a ribbon loop inside the top right corner.

**FELT:** Wool felt in straw, \$9.50 per yard, [tadaastudio.com](http://tadaastudio.com)

**FELT GARLAND:** For a similar look, try felt circle garland, \$20 for 4 yards, [benzie.etsy.com](http://benzie.etsy.com).



## tool-belt-inspired

Scott McGillivray, *Income Property*

- 1 Using template B, cut a stocking front and back out of faux suede. Following the online instructions, sew the pieces together.
- 2 Cut a section from a real tool belt (a kid-size one works well). Hot-glue it to the front of the stocking to make pockets.
- 3 Make a loop out of the leftover faux suede; stitch it inside the top right corner.

**FAUX SUEDE:** Faux suede in saddle solid, \$25 per yard, [moodfabrics.com](http://moodfabrics.com)

**TOOL BELT:** Born Tough 10-pocket kids tool belt in brown, \$24, [lifeandhome.com](http://lifeandhome.com)





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# house tours



Joanna and Chip  
with, from left,  
Emmie Kay, 4;  
Drake, 9; Duke, 6;  
and Ella Rose, 8

the fixer uppers

*get festive!*

HGTV hosts **Joanna and Chip Gaines** celebrate the season at home in Texas with the casual charm they've trademarked on their show.





**fixer upper idea**

A flea market bookcase was upcycled into a display spot.





Joanna and Chip Gaines get their Kriss Kringle on early. Each year by December 1, the *Fixer Upper* stars' 1895 farmhouse on the outskirts of Waco, TX, is holiday-ready, complete with a trimmed tree and a wreath on the side of the barn. "This season warms my heart," says Joanna. "I want to celebrate it as long—and as simply—as I can." A homespun yule comes naturally to Joanna, who's decorated the four-bedroom farmhouse in her pared-down, rustic style. Purchased in 2012, it's the couple's ninth home in 10 years, one of a series they've renovated and sold as part of their fix-it-and-flip-it business. While they've lived in everything from a cottage to a rancher, the farm and its 40 rambling acres—complete with cows, chickens, horses, and goats—is where they plan to stay. "It's a great place for raising a family," she says. "And making Christmas memories."

## living room

Candy-cane-stripe stockings bring a festive feel to the room, which is anchored by neutral classics—deconstructed wing chairs and a linen-blend-upholstered sofa—that Joanna sells at her home decor store, Magnolia Market, in town. The rough-hewn metal and wood coffee table was a steal—less than \$100 at an antiques shop.



CHRISTMAS  
TREES  
FOR SALE

**fixer upper idea**  
Joanna painted  
and distressed this  
100-year-old find.





## kitchen

When the metal *Christmas Trees* sign—\$50 at an antiques store—comes out of storage, the family's holiday season officially kicks off. In its past life, the kitchen island was a late-1800s church altar; Joanna topped it with stainless steel. It's her favorite piece in the house: "I stalked it for two years before a local shopkeeper agreed to sell it to me." Concrete counters, white rectangular tiles, and black pendant lamps make the room more industrial than country. Joanna maximized every inch of wall space by squeezing in 3-inch-thick cedar shelves on both sides of the window, below. A large-scale *Super Market* sign emphasizes the height of the farmhouse's 13-foot ceilings.



During the yearlong renovation, the farmhouse went from 1,700 to 3,600 square feet.

## exterior

Dotted with leafy oak trees, "the land captured my heart first, even before the house," says Joanna. Although updated by the previous owner, the home wasn't sized for a family of six. To boost the square footage, the Gaines turned the unfinished attic into a guest bedroom, bathroom, multipurpose room, and crafts room, and added a first-floor master suite. Completing the transformation into a modern farmhouse: a new metal roof and crisp white paint (Alabaster by Sherwin-Williams).

### fixer upper idea

Dark gray grout with white tiles looks crisp.



### TUNE IN

Catch new episodes of *Fixer Upper* on HGTV starting January 6 at 9 p.m. EST.





**WALL COLOR**  
Intellectual Gray  
by Sherwin-  
Williams

## *master bath*

A freestanding tub is the star of the newly renovated gray-and-white bathroom. “I wanted a clean, classic look,” says Joanna. Her design for the vanity includes a pair of raised Kohler sinks, Carrara marble counters, and chrome fixtures. A Shades of Light chandelier echoes the lighting in the master bedroom.

## *master bedroom*

The priority for the first-floor master bedroom was making it look like an original part of the farmhouse, even though it was an add-on. Joanna’s instant-aging strategy: Relocate the attic’s battered hardwood floors here and leave them untouched—no staining or sanding, just sealing. A carpenter built the custom headboard based on a design Joanna sketched. The IKEA chairs, vintage-looking Shades of Light chandelier, and tufted Four Hands ottoman are all pieces the Gaineses had in their previous homes.







**fixer upper idea**  
The 6-foot-tall  
reclaimed wood  
headboard  
is painted  
Alabaster by  
Sherwin-Williams.





**fixer upper idea**  
This ladder is made from metal piping.

## boys' bedroom

For Drake and Duke's shared room, Joanna designed bunkhouse-style beds, constructed with metal piping and cables. A sleek wood suspension desk, left, painted slate gray, doesn't take up precious floor space and has enough room for the brothers to do homework side by side. Not a fan of typical window treatments, Joanna designed a custom awning crafted from old corrugated tin. Battered metal letters and numbers, below, are transformed into graphic artwork when they're screwed together—overlapping slightly—and hung above a reproduction factory-bin dresser. The dotted rug is from The Land of Nod, and the bedding is from Target.



“I wanted to give the boys something like an indoor jungle gym to climb on in their room.”

—Joanna Gaines



**fixer upper idea**

Outdoor sconces  
are bedside lights.





“The girls like gardens, and the little garden gate is the perfect touch for their room.”

—Joanna Gaines

**fixer upper idea**

The room's focal point: a vintage mantel.





## girls' bedroom

Ella Rose and little sis Emmie Kay sleep in identical antique French beds Joanna had reupholstered in flax-color linen. Dangling from ceiling-secured ropes are round galvanized trays that serve as fun nightstands—when they aren't showing off miniature snow-dusted Christmas houses. The girls' version of a bulletin board, the salvaged garden gate is their favorite place to put notes and holiday decorations. The drapes are from IKEA, and the white bedding is from Pine Cone Hill.

**WALL COLOR**  
Silver Strand by  
Sherwin-Williams



# *to* grandma's house *we go!*

Over the river and through the woods sits this Christmas-ready house, packed with rich colors, cozy plaids, and pretty holiday-decorating ideas.



The family gathers on the front stoop: Caitlin and Brigham Wilson and kids Penn, 2, and Olivia, 5, with Caitlin's parents, Roger and Kathy Carter.



Her parents don't use the marble fireplace, so Caitlin stocked it with logs. Buffalo-check stockings from Filson put a woodsy spin on holiday trimmings.





A raw teak bench from overstock.com gets a soft touch with Pendleton wool throws.



WALL COLOR  
Edgecomb  
Gray  
by Benjamin  
Moore

**f**or designer Caitlin Wilson and her family, there's no better place to spend Christmas than at her parents' home in Oregon's Rogue Valley. Tucked next to a lake among pine and spruce trees, the five-year-old, three-bedroom Craftsman—which Caitlin decorated—feels like “the best winter getaway,” she says. And it's not just because of the house's nearby sledding hills and snow-blanketed yard. Inspired by her mom's fondness for classic plaids and her dad's love of the outdoors, Caitlin filled the space with dark woods and warm wool tartans, perfect for snuggling up to once the temperatures dip. Come December, the house's cozy vibe gets a festive oomph with metallic mini trees, woodland-creature ornaments, and, of course, a stunner of a Christmas tree. “All decked out, the house looks gorgeous, but more important, it's comfortable,” says Caitlin. “Everything's designed so we can just kick back and hang out together, playing silly games, watching movies, and baking cookies.”



## great room

Thanks to double-height ceilings, the great room feels bright and open despite its dark tones. It also easily fits a 12-foot-tall tree, which Caitlin's mom, Kathy, jazzes up with bottle-brush-animal and glass-ball ornaments. Although the furniture has traditional shapes, everything—the leather Pottery Barn ottoman, the Patricia Edwards bobbin chairs, the Lee Industries sofa—is super plush. To keep the fabrics dirt-free, Caitlin had them treated with industrial-strength Scotchgard. "I wasn't going to joke around with stain-proofing—not with all the little visitors running around!"





## dining room

Although the house is newly built, Roger wanted it to look authentically Craftsman, a style popular in the early 1900s. So his designer daughter stained, rather than painted, the wood trim and added a mission-style chandelier from [rejuvenation.com](http://rejuvenation.com). The table, made from the same white oak as the trim, is surrounded by tufted chairs covered in army duck fabric from Restoration Hardware. The curtains are made from Barbara Barry for Kravet linen.







“Caitlin did an amazing job on the kitchen. The colors and materials she chose make it feel cozy, even though it’s a large, open space.”

—Roger Carter

## kitchen

“During the holidays, this becomes our central hangout spot,” says Caitlin. “We all cook and wash dishes in shifts, while the kids eat and play at the island.” Since the family spends so much time here, Caitlin went for ultra-functional fixtures, like a large apron-front sink, but also worked in look-at-me elements like Calacatta marble counters and cushiony Lee Industries stools. Painted a soft white (White Dove by Benjamin Moore), the Shaker-style cabinets with inset doors have an old-fashioned charm but are generously sized to accommodate Kathy’s prized dish collection.





## guest bathroom

Simple white subway tiles line the walls, while swanky Calacatta marble hexagon tiles cover the floor. A dual vanity (painted Alpaca by Benjamin Moore) gets a luxe touch, too, with a marble top. The relaxed Roman shade, made from Idelle fabric by Kravet—also used on pillows and a chair in the adjoining bedroom—sits inside the window frame so you can see the pretty molding.

“Coordinating colors and patterns make the bedroom and bath feel like a special suite.”  
—Caitlin Wilson





## guest bedroom

Although this space was designed without a season in mind, its cranberry color scheme feels especially holiday-like. Also boosting the room's snuggle factor: cable-knit Pottery Barn throws and custom tufted headboards, upholstered in heavy Greek key fabric from F. Schumacher. Between the beds is a snow-white lamp from Robert Abbey and a pair of mounted antlers, one of several throughout the house.

**WALL COLOR**  
White Swan  
by Benjamin Moore





## kids' bedroom

Caitlin has three siblings, two of whom have big families of their own, so it made sense to reserve the space above the garage as a kids-only sleeping spot. "Usually my mom stays there, too, to keep an eye on them," she says. "But they always play pranks on her!" Each of the six trundle beds (scored at Costco) sports Pottery Barn Kids bedding and a pile of pillows—a.k.a. cushions for wrestling. The monogrammed ones are from The Land of Nod, and all the rest are stitched from Caitlin's own line of textiles.

This Christmas tree was made with Tinkertoys.







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**wool throw**

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**leather ottoman**

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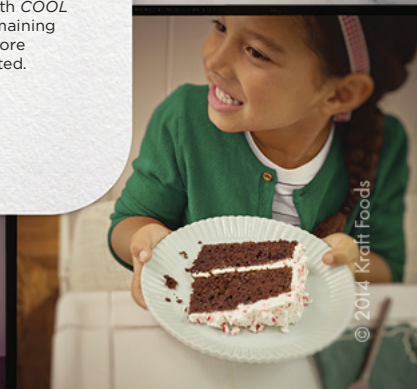
- ▶ 1 pkg. (2-layer size) chocolate cake mix
- ▶ 1/2 cup water
- ▶ 1/4 cup milk
- ▶ 1 pkg. (3.9 oz.) JELL-O® Chocolate Instant Pudding
- ▶ 1 pkg. (4 oz.) BAKER'S® Semi-Sweet Chocolate, chopped
- ▶ 4 eggs
- ▶ 18 small candy canes, coarsely crushed (about 1 cup), divided
- ▶ 1 container (8 oz.) BREAKSTONE'S® or KNUDSEN® Sour Cream
- ▶ 1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP® Whipped Topping, thawed
- ▶ 1/2 cup oil

PREP: 20 min. MAKES: 18 servings

- 1 HEAT oven to 350°F.
- 2 BEAT first 7 ingredients in large bowl with mixer until blended. Stir in chopped chocolate and 2 Tbsp. crushed candy. Pour into 2 (9-inch) round pans sprayed with cooking spray.
- 3 BAKE 35 to 40 min. or until toothpick inserted in centers

comes out clean. Cool in pans 10 min. Loosen cakes from sides of pans; invert onto wire racks. Carefully remove pans. Cool cakes completely.

- 4 FILL and frost cakes with COOL WHIP. Sprinkle with remaining crushed candy just before serving. Keep refrigerated.





# kitchen style



## homemade-ish food gifts

These store-bought  
snacks only *look* expensive,  
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## orange-glazed pound cake

MAKES 1 CAKE

- ½ cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- ½ teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1 store-bought pound cake
- Strips of orange zest, for topping

- Whisk the sugar, orange juice, and grated orange zest in a small bowl until smooth.
- Drizzle the glaze over the pound cake, then immediately top with the strips of orange zest.

### WRAP IT UP

Place the cake in a paper loaf pan. Cut a rectangle out of pink glassine, wrap it around the loaf pan, and tape it to the bottom. Repeat with a slightly narrower rectangle cut out of striped scrapbook paper. Wrap yarn over the paper multiple times and tie in a bow. Stamp "Yum!" on a disposable knife and slide it under the yarn.

This is an Entenmann's All Butter Loaf Cake dressed up.



## fruit syrups

MAKES ABOUT 2 CUPS

### BLUEBERRY LEMON SYRUP

- 4 cups frozen unsweetened blueberries, thawed
- ½ cup superfine sugar
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

- Puree the blueberries in a food processor until smooth, then press through a fine-mesh sieve with the back of a spoon to strain.
- Stir in the sugar until dissolved, then stir in the lemon juice. Pour into a bottle and refrigerate.

### PEACH VANILLA SYRUP

- 4 cups frozen unsweetened peaches, thawed
- ½ cup superfine sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

- Puree the peaches in a food processor until smooth, then press through a fine-mesh sieve with the back of a spoon to strain.
- Stir in the sugar until dissolved, then stir in the vanilla extract. Pour into a bottle and refrigerate.

Try these syrups over pancakes or ice cream!

Frozen fruit gives the syrup flavor.



### WRAP IT UP

Print images of the syrup ingredients onto computer paper and cut them out. Adhere to the front of screw-top syrup bottles with glossy Mod Podge. Cut a gift tag out of scrapbook paper and tie it around the bottle's neck with ribbon.



## raspberry linzer cookies

MAKES 12 SANDWICH COOKIES

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup all-purpose flour

1 16½-ounce package refrigerated sugar cookie dough

12 tablespoons raspberry jam  
Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

- Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- Stir the flour into the cookie dough in a medium bowl until well combined.
- Roll out the dough to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick on a floured surface using a floured rolling pin.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Cut out 24 cookies with a 2½-inch fluted round cookie cutter. Place the cookies 1 inch apart on the prepared baking sheet. Cut out the centers of half of the cookies with a 1-inch round cookie cutter.
- Bake until the cookies are lightly browned, 7 to 9 minutes. Let cool 1 minute on the baking sheet, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
- Spread 1 tablespoon jam on each whole cookie. Top with a cutout cookie. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

We used refrigerated Pillsbury sugar cookie dough.



### WRAP IT UP

Remove the caps from both ends of a plastic tube. Adhere round stickers that you've cut in half along the tube's edges to create a scalloped design. For the tag, trace the outside of the fluted cookie cutter onto scrapbook paper. Cut it out and punch a hole at the top, then write the treat's name on it. Hot-glue the edges of the cookie cutter to the paper. Tie it around the tube with ribbon. Replace the bottom cap and fill the tube with cookies, placing a piece of pink glassine or wax paper cut with a scallop paper punch between each one. Replace the top cap.



## kitchen style



## sugar + spice pecans

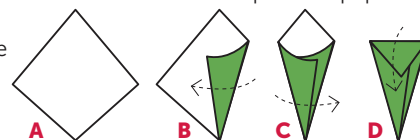
MAKES 3 CUPS

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| 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar | 1/4 teaspoon salt            |
| 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice   | 1 egg white                  |
| 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper      | 3 cups unsalted pecan halves |
| 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin        |                              |

- Preheat the oven to 300°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Mix the brown sugar, pumpkin pie spice, cayenne pepper, cumin, and salt in a small bowl.
- Whisk the egg white and 1 tablespoon water in a medium bowl until frothy. Add the pecans, stirring with a fork to coat evenly. Sprinkle on the sugar mixture, tossing the nuts to coat.
- Spread the mixture in an even layer on the prepared baking sheet. Bake 30 minutes, stirring once. Loosen the nuts on the baking sheet; let cool completely.
- Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 1 week.

### WRAP IT UP

Cut scrapbook paper into a kite shape. Place it facedown, with the narrower point at the top (A). Fold the paper into a cone (B); seal with double-sided tape (C). Punch a circle out of another piece of paper and write the treat's name on it. Fill the cone with nuts, close the top flap (D), then tape the circle on top to seal.



## cranberry-lime vodka

MAKES 3 CUPS

- |                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3 1/2 cups fresh cranberries | 3 cups vodka                    |
| 1/2 cup sugar                | Strips of lime zest from 1 lime |
| 1/4 cup fresh lime juice     |                                 |

- Heat 3 cups of the cranberries, the sugar, and the lime juice in a medium saucepan over medium heat until boiling. Reduce heat to low and simmer until most of the cranberries pop, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and cool completely.
- Add the strips of lime zest to a jar with a tight-fitting lid, then pour in the vodka. Spoon the cooled cranberry mixture into the jar. Put the lid on the jar and let the mixture macerate in the refrigerator at least one day or up to a week.
- When you're ready to package it, strain vodka through a sieve into bottles with tight-fitting lids. Add the remaining 1/2 cup of fresh cranberries.

### WRAP IT UP

Put a strip of carpet tape (available at hardware stores) around the neck of each bottle, then wrap a piece of thin rope around it. Secure the rope's ends with glue. Using letter stickers, spell out BOTTOMS UP on coasters, then punch holes at the top and tie one to each bottle with ribbon.





## dipped pretzels

MAKES 24 PRETZELS

- 1 16-ounce bag large pretzels
- 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate
- 4 ounces white chocolate
- Nonpareils in bright colors

● Microwave the bittersweet chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl on high for 1 to 2 minutes. Remove and stir until smooth.

● Dip the top half of each pretzel into the melted chocolate, one at a time, letting excess drip back into the bowl. Immediately spoon nonpareils over the chocolate.

Let sit 1 to 2 minutes on a sheet of

wax or parchment paper. Repeat with the white chocolate, but microwave it on medium for 1½ minutes.

● Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes. Until you package them, store in a tightly sealed container with wax paper between the layers at room temperature for up to one week.



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### WRAP IT UP

Stack the pretzels inside a compartmentalized bakery box. Stick three strips of glitter tape to the bottom of a tag and write the treat's name above the tape. Tie a wired ribbon around the box, then string a cord through the tag and tie it to the ribbon.





# one **yummy**

**t**here was zero chance Amy and Michael Cohen would end up with a cookie-cutter kitchen in their 1920s Colonial in Philadelphia, PA. When they purchased the home in 2010 and took on a top-to-bottom revamp with architect Alan Metcalfe, they were single-minded about bringing bold colors to every room, including the kitchen. "Vibrant hues just make me happy," says Amy. With an assist from local designer Val Nehez, the Cohens pulled off a colorful, contemporary space that their daughters, Eliza, 17, and Chloe, 13, also like to spend time in. The showstopper of the redo is a 6½-foot-by-5-foot wall-spanning piece of artwork—featuring thousands of salvaged plastic bread-bag tabs suspended in plexiglass—by artist Paul Schultz. Fans of sustainable design (not to mention quirkiness), the Cohens didn't need convincing when Val suggested it. "The second I saw Paul's work, I was sold," says Amy. "It's spectacular."

Bright glasses and dishes add pops of color.

## cabinets

Painted soft white (White Dove by Benjamin Moore), the clean-lined cabinets and floating shelves create a neutral backdrop for the kitchen's peppy colors. The handles are from Restoration Hardware.

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## floors

As a contrast to all the modern elements in the room, the Cohens chose old-school flooring: green Brazilian slate tiles laid in a herringbone pattern. Radiant heat underneath keeps toes toasty on winter mornings.

## island

The custom 4-foot-by-7-foot design is topped with black slate and white curly maple. It offers ample space for eating, doing homework, and socializing. Built-ins include a cooktop, freezer drawers, and storage for pots and pans. The stools' seats are hand-carved from teak root.



# kitchen

Tomato red! Lemon yellow! Blueberry blue! A Philadelphia kitchen bursts with delicious hues.

## vent hood

The hood, specially fabricated from powder-coated steel, is shaped like a trapezoid. The underside is painted to pick up the bright red of the island.



## art wall

Talk about a feature wall! For this custom creation, the artist sandwiched about 2,000 bread-bag tabs—selected from his 10,000-tab collection—between four layers of acrylic hung in six horizontal panels. Some of the plastic tabs are stamped with an expiration date, which often leads first-time visitors on a *Where's Waldo?*-style hunt. "Searching for your birthday stamped on a tab is always a hit," says Amy.





### red wall

A sleek glass wall painted the same red as the kitchen island brings the high-wattage palette into the dining room. Open to the kitchen, the two-sided glass shelves display Amy's eclectic finds, including bowls crafted from South African sardine-can labels.

### lighting

Amy couldn't resist the pendant lights from Graypants, which are handmade from recycled corrugated cardboard boxes. Hung at staggered heights—and casting gorgeous shadows—they're an ecofriendly alternative to a traditional chandelier.

### table and chairs

The 6-foot-long white curly maple table matches the countertops. It sees a lot of action during Amy's annual holiday dinners—the family celebrates both Christmas and Hanukkah—when there are usually 15 or more guests gathered for the festivities. The chairs have powder-coated metal legs and teak seats. The custom woven synthetic rug hides stains and stands up to wear-and-tear.

The family's 18-month-old Cavapoo, Lola



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**You're  
poisonous,  
right?**

**Can you be  
composted?**

**Do you come  
in colors  
besides red?**

# **Q & A** *with a* **poinsettia**

Answers to everything you ever wanted  
to know about the season's most popular plant.

ALAMY





**Q:** My grandma says poyn-set-ee-ah; I say poyn-set-ah. Who's right?

**A:** Score one for Grandma, though both pronunciations are common. The plant is named after Joel Poinsett (above), who discovered it in Mexico while working as the first U.S. ambassador there. He brought it to the States in the early 1800s.

**Q:** Poinsettias are poisonous, right?

**A:** Wrong! Eating handfuls of the leaves can give both people and pets an upset stomach (and people allergic to latex may develop a rash if they touch the white sap from a broken stem or leaf), but poinsettias are not toxic. You can keep them around even if you have curious furry friends.



**Q:** What are those yellow buds in the center?

**A:** Those are the flowers. The red parts that look like petals are actually leaves, called bracts. They start out green but change color (to red, pink, or white) when growers decrease the amount of light the plants receive over time.

**Q:** How do I make sure I buy a good one at the store?

**A:** Check that the soil isn't too wet or dry, that the leaves aren't rolled up or turning yellow, and that the actual flowers—the buds mentioned above—are unopened and plump.

**Q:** How should I care for a poinsettia once I get it home?

**A:** It doesn't like the cold, so put it in a sunny, draft-free area, like near a bright window away from the glass. Water only when the soil is dry to the touch—no more than twice a week.



**Q:** Where are they grown today?

**A:** Ecke Ranch in Encinitas, CA, once grew 90% of the 60 million-plus poinsettias bought in the United States each year, but it was sold in 2012. Now the plants come from other nurseries, mostly in California and North Carolina.

**Q:** Do poinsettias come in any color besides red?

**A:** Solid crimson varieties are the most popular, but they also come in white, cream, and pink, and even two-toned designs, like marbled and speckled. Try these unexpected varieties:



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'Premium Apricot'



'Jingle Bells'



**Q: Should I throw away a poinsettia after the holidays?**

**A:** Since poinsettias are inexpensive and start to look weedy after a while, most people toss them at season's end—but you can plant them outdoors. Bring the plant outside in late winter, storing it in a shed or garage so it adjusts to the cold weather. In the spring, after the frost, plant it in a bed or container in a spot with indirect light. The hole should be twice the width of the pot and shallow enough that half an inch of the root ball is above ground. Prune to eight inches, watering and fertilizing every two weeks. It should bloom again next winter.



**Q: Does a poinsettia have to stay in the foil-wrapped pot it comes in?**

**A:** It's best to keep the plant in its pot, but the foil is optional. If you keep it on, pierce a hole in the bottom so excess water can drain without pooling inside the foil. And, of course, place the pot on a saucer to protect the surface it's on.

**Q: Can it be composted?**

**A:** Yes. But if you keep an organic garden, you might not want to—the plant may have been treated with chemicals or pesticides before making its way to the store.

**Q: Why do they show up only at Christmastime?**

**A:** Poinsettias bloom in November and December, so technically, they should be available both months. Their holiday ties date back to a Mexican legend, which describes the plants as miraculously turning

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## BUSINESSMAN

Raid Dad's closet for a spiffy fedora, black-rimmed specs, and a tie. Place an old briefcase on the ground with a newspaper peeking out.



## SKIER

Get him ready to hit the slopes with knit accessories and ski goggles. Then tie poles around his mittened hands. Got old skis? Tuck them under his base.



## BEAUTY QUEEN

Doll her up with a tiara and a blond wig. Instead of coal eyes, give her false eyelashes, and stick a bouquet of fake roses by her side. DIY the sash from a strip of fabric or pick one up at a party supply store.





# snowman

Freshen up Frosty with one of these costumes, created mostly with stuff you already own.

## CHEF

Cook up a kitchen look by dressing your snowman in a poufy white toque and a red apron with a whisk in the pocket. Slip oven mitts onto his arms.



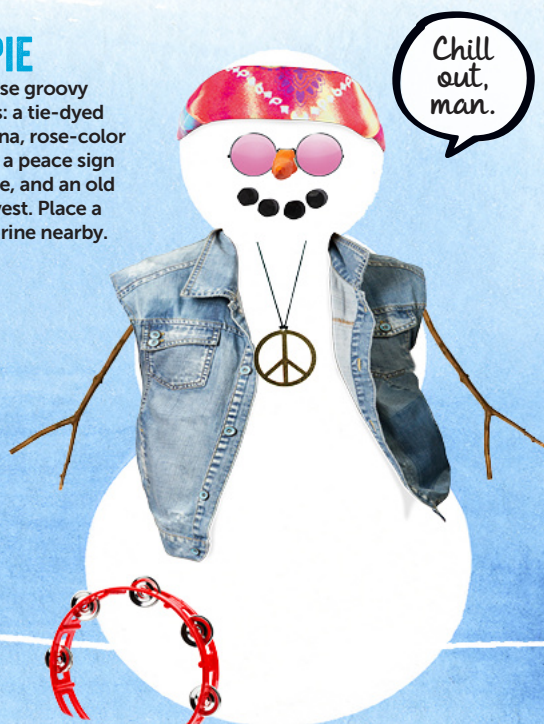
## SURFER

Give your snow dude a surfboard or boogie board, then prop sunglasses on his head, put a shell necklace around his neck, and drape a towel over his shoulder. Stick a pail and shovel in the snow.



## HIPPIE

Add these groovy touches: a tie-dyed bandanna, rose-color glasses, a peace sign necklace, and an old denim vest. Place a tambourine nearby.



## build the ultimate snowman

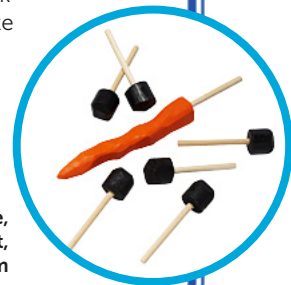
Although there's no *one* way to make a snowman, these pointers will help you get the ball rolling.

**USE THE RIGHT SNOW:** It should be moist enough to stick together—not too wet, not too dry.

**KEEP IT IN PROPORTION:** Pack together a large base, then make each ball about two-thirds the size of the ball below it.

**BUILD IT IN THE SHADE:** The less sun Frosty sees, the longer he'll live!

Wood snowman face,  
\$8.50 for a 7-piece kit,  
[emswoodbydesign.etsy.com](http://emswoodbydesign.etsy.com)





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## IN EVERY ISSUE

**Cover: TABLE** (painted Red #2000-10 by Benjamin Moore and customized to 19" tall) International Concepts 36"-tall round dining table in linen white, \$242, wayfair.com. **RUG** Jill Rosenwald Fallon 8' x 11' rug in Venetian red, \$814, wayfair.com. **POT** (decoupaged) Happy Chic by Jonathan Adler large ceramic flowerpot, jcpenny.com. **PAPER ON POT** Honeycomb Black on Cream wrap, paperpresentation.com. **ORNAMENTS** 2¾"-diameter glass ornaments in pale turquoise, flame red, and Christmas red, \$7 for each set of 8, all bronners.com; Cody Foster & Co. TO-262 small black-and-white-pattern ball ornaments, \$7.50 each, zestcafehomeart.com for buying info; Vickerman 3"-diameter red snowcap ball, \$16.50 for a set of 4, hayneedle.com; all others, vintage. For a similar look, try etsy.com. **GARLAND** 5'-long wool felt ball garland in ivory and red, \$15, jamaligarden.com. **WRAPPING PAPER** Polka Dots Black and White gift wrap by Andrea Lauren; Diagonal Stripes Black and White gift wrap by Claudia Soria; Plaid Solidified Turquoise gift wrap by Anniedeb; Kiabu-Blue wallpaper by Miamaria; and Solid Red gift wrap by Misstiina, \$15 per roll of matte paper, all spoonflower.com. **RIBBONS** For a similar look, try mjttrim.com. **Page 7 Come On In! WREATH** Melrose International 30"-diameter pine wreath, \$60, amazon.com. **STRAWS** The Sugar Diva Milkshake paper straws in red, \$7 for a set of 25, surlatable.com.

## FUN DECORATING

**Pages 69–77 Holiday Up Your House: Front Door: FELT BALLS** 3-centimeter wool felt balls in

mango, sunflower, wasabi, peas, sky, aqua, lavender, cherry, hot pink, baby's breath, and gardenia, \$.50 each, tadaastudio.com.

**RIBBON** Double Faced 2"-wide satin ribbon in coral, \$18.50 for 5 yards, midoriribbon.com. **Living Room: LARGE TREES** (painted)

Gloss Watermelon by Krylon ColorMaster, \$6, krylon.com for stores, and Nautical by Valspar Color Radiance spray paint, \$5, lowes.com. **MANTEL** Pearl Mantels The Williamsburg 64"-wide fireplace mantel surround, \$315, wayfair.com, (painted) Alabaster #SW7008 by Sherwin-Williams. **MARBLE** (on mantel) For a similar look, try Allen + Roth Genuine Stone Indoor/Outdoor 13" x 13" white marble natural stone mosaic floor tiles, lowes.com. **VOTIVES** Porcelain 3¼"H x 3"-diameter votives, \$20 for a set of 3, dotandbo.com. **CANDLES** The Gerson Company Everlasting Tealights Battery-Operated Flameless candles with soft flicker, \$14 for a set of 12, amazon.com.

**STOCKINGS** Hand-felted wool stockings in lime flower power, turquoise berries, green criss-cross, and red/pink snowflake, \$76 each, arcadiahomeinc.com.

**WRAPPING PAPER** (on bucket) Tree Lights wrapping paper, \$6.50 for a set of two 20" x 30" sheets, snowandgraham.com; (in stockings) Berries wrapping paper and Festoon wrapping paper, \$9 for a set of two double-sided 24" x 36" sheets, both smockpaper.com; Vintage Trees Clover wrapping paper, \$8 for a set of two 27" x 39" sheets, papersource.com. **Entryway: DESK** Mahogany Konrad rubberwood desk with mahogany finish, \$280, worldmarket.com, (painted) Haven SW 6437 by Sherwin-Williams. **BRANCHES** (painted) Glitter Blast Posh Pink, \$8 for a

5¾-ounce can, krylon.com for stores. **OTTOMANS** Harrison Tray ottomans in rose, \$198 each, safaviehhome.com. **UMBRELLA STAND** Bayshore Multi-Color umbrella stand, \$95, jayessstudio.com. **UMBRELLAS** Totes Ladies Signature Basic Auto Stick umbrella in multicolor dots, and Weatherproof 48" Clear Dome Fashion Prints stick umbrella in green dot, both amazon.com.

**TRIFLE DISH** vintage. For a similar look, try The Monaco Presence trifle dish by the Anchor Hocking Company, shopinthekitchen.com.

**ORNAMENTS** vintage. For a similar look, try etsy.com.

**Kitchen: SINK, COUNTER, AND CABINETS** IKEA stores.

**TREES** Schubert Nursery lemon cypress cones, from \$20, schubertnursery.com for buying info. **BOWLS** (patterned) Circles Pattern small serving bowl, \$44, owlcreekceramics.etsy.com; (yellow) Target stores. For a similar look, try Colorways mixing

bowls 6-piece mixed set, zak.com. **CANISTERS** Now Designs stoneware canisters, from \$10 each, nowdesigns.net for buying info. **CARDS** Snow Globe greeting card and Favorite Things greeting card, \$4.50 each, both riflepaperco.com; Christmas Parade and Christmas Cars cards, \$5 each, both hellolucky.com; Dachshund Howlidays holiday card, \$3.50, papersource.com; all others, minted.com.

**PUSHPINS** Marble pushpins in candy Christmas stripe, \$9 for a set of 9, sideproject.etsy.com.

**Bathroom: LIGHT FIXTURES** Hampton Bay 1-Light chrome bath light, homedepot.com.

**MIRROR** Lowe's stores. **VANITY AND SINK** For a similar look, try Glacier Bay Shaila 24½" vanity in silverleaf with cultured marble vanity top in white with mirror, homedepot.com, (painted) Alabaster #SW7008 by Sherwin-Williams. **FAUCET** Moen Banbury 4" Centerset 2-Handle High-Arc bathroom faucet in chrome, \$76, homedepot.com. **KNOBS** Small glass cabinet knobs in emerald green, \$4 each, signaturehardware.com.

**HOOKS** Lowe's stores. **TRASH CAN** Mint Retro galvanized trash can, \$20, worldmarket.com. **FLOOR** Armstrong 12'-wide Heather

String Tile Low-Gloss Finish sheet vinyl, lowes.com. **VOTIVE AND JARS** Ashland Glass 4"-tall candle holder, \$4, and Libbey Flat Lid glass storage jars, from \$3 each, all michaels.com.

## HOUSE TOURS

**Pages 91–101 The Fixer Uppers Get Festive! Dining Area:**

**CHANDELIER** antique. For a similar look, try Maxim 2852EG Etruscan Gold Elegante 2-Tier chandelier with nine lights, lightingdirect.com. **TABLE** Magnolia Market. For a similar look, try Riverside Furniture Placid Cove dining table, wayfair.com. **TABLE RUNNER** IKEA stores. **CHAIRS** vintage. For a similar look, try Zuo Modern Contemporary Elio side chair in black and steel, bellacor.com.

**WRAPPING PAPER** (throughout house) Target stores and papersource.com. **ORNAMENTS** christmascentral.com and vintage. For a similar look, try etsy.com. **Living Room: PENDANT**

For a similar look, try Kichler 9809 Black Mount Vernon 6-Light outdoor pendant in black, build.com. **WREATHS AND GARLAND** wilsonevergreens.com. **COFFEE**

**TABLE** antique. For a similar look, try Prism Travertine coffee table, westelm.com. **SOFA AND ARMCHAIRS** Magnolia Market. **THROW** Threshold basketweave throw in blue, target.com.

**PILLOWS** (on sofa) Crate & Barrel. (on bench) Pottery Barn. **Kitchen: PENDANTS** For a similar look, try The Original Warehouse pendant in black, barnlightelectric.com.

**CABINETRY** For a similar look, try the Akurum line in white, IKEA stores. **HARDWARE** For a similar look, try Vinci Cast Bronze cabinet pull in aged bronze, signaturehardware.com.

**BOOKSHELF** For a similar look, try Display bookcase, westelm.com. **STOOLS** For a similar

look, try Artisan stool in black, industrywest.com. **TRAYS AND TINS** IKEA stores. **COLANDER** Target stores. **Master Bath:**

**CHANDELIER** Shades of Light. **CABINETRY** For a similar look, try the Akurum line in white, IKEA stores. **SINKS** Kohler. **TUB** For a similar look, try the Vintage 72" x 42" freestanding bath in white, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 134**



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us.kohler.com. **RUG** For a similar look, try Jaipur Rugs Poeme Blue Surf/Cloud White 2' x 3' rug, wayfair.com. **FLOOR TILES** For a similar look, try Penny Round White 12" x 12 1/4" x 5-millimeter Porcelain Mosaic floor and wall tile, homedepot.com. **Master Bedroom: CHANDELIER** Shades of Light. For a similar look, try Gustavian Style White chandelier, shadesoflight.com. **HEADBOARD** Custom. **LINENS** (bedding) Pine Cone Hill; (blanket) Target stores. For a similar look, try Threshold Stitched Floral quilt, target.com. **OTTOMAN** fourhands.com. For a similar look, try Clervaux tufted ottoman, ballarddesigns.com. **ARMCHAIRS** Ektorp chair, ikea.com. **PILLOW** (on chair) thirdcaroline.etsy.com. **CLOCK** For a similar look, try Yosemite Home Décor Oversized 24 1/2"-diameter wall clock, wayfair.com. **Boys' Bedroom: WINDOW AWNING** custom. For a similar look, try Americana Building Products 3'9" x 11'0" projection slope awning in white, lowes.com. **LADDER** custom. For a similar look, try PW Platforms DLSS-26 wall-mounted dock ladder, msdirect.com. **STOOLS** For a similar look, try Artisan stool in black, industrywest.com. **RUG** Lotsa Polka Dots rug in purple, landofnod.com. **ARTWORK** (map) Magnolia Market; (letters) For a similar look, try unclejohnscabin.etsy.com. **WALL BOARD** For a similar look, try Sheffield Home Chicken Wire memo board, elder-beerman.com. **SCONCES** For a similar look, try Barn 11 1/4"-tall galvanized outdoor wall sconce, lampsplus.com. **BANNERS** custom. For a similar look, try minted.com. **LINENS** Target stores. **Girls' Bedroom: CHANDELIER** For a similar look, try Murray Feiss F2534/6+3SGW Semi Gloss White Peyton 9-Light wrought iron 2-tier chandelier, lightingdirect.com. **GATE** custom. For a similar look, try Garden gate, countrydoor.com. **MANTEL** vintage. For a similar look, try Pearl Mantels The Deauville Fireplace mantel surround, wayfair.com. **MINIATURE**

**HOUSES** For a similar look, try christmascentral.com. **BEDS** antique. For a similar look, try Marceline Bed, rhbabyandchild.com. **LINENS** Louisa Ruffle bedding, pineconehill.com; (pink striped duvet) IKEA stores. **NIGHTSTANDS** Magnolia Market. **WINDOW TREATMENTS** For a similar look, try Lenda curtains with tiebacks, ikea.com. **INTERIOR DESIGN** Joanna Gaines, magnoliahomes.net. **Pages 102–111 To Grandma's House We Go! Exterior: BENCH** overstock.com. **THROWS** For a similar look, try pendleton-usa.com. **WREATH** wintersteenfarms.com. For a similar look, try Wintry Woodlands wreath, balsamhill.com. **Great Room: ARTWORK** custom. **STOCKINGS** Filson. For a similar look, try etsy.com. **X-BENCHES** leeindustries.com. **FABRIC ON BENCHES** Ralph Lauren Lantern House Sage/Teal fabric, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **OTTOMAN** Pottery Barn. For a similar look, try Baxton Studio Reese Bi-Cast leather coffee table ottoman in dark brown, hayneedle.com. **THROW** For a similar look, try pendleton-usa.com. **RUG** antique. For a similar look, try Persian Hand-Knotted Brown/Red Tabriz 10' x 13' wool rug, overstock.com. **ARMCHAIRS** Madrid occasional chair, patriciaedwards.com. For a similar look, try Old Hickory Tannery Ellsworth Spindle-Back chair in antique marine blue, horchow.com. **SKIRTED CHAIR** leeindustries.com. **SOFA** leeindustries.com. **PILLOW FABRIC** Ralph Lauren Walker Tartan fabric, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **ORNAMENTS** (animals) Martha Stewart for Macy's; (red and gold) HomeGoods. **Dining Room: CHANDELIER** Alameda Mission Single-Pole Art-Glass chandelier in antique copper, rejuvenation.com. **TABLE** custom. For a similar look, try Mahogany Verona trestle table, worldmarket.com. **TABLETOP DECOR** (runner) Pottery Barn. For a similar look, try Blake Plaid with velvet

trim table runner, potterybarn.com; (poppers, ornaments) HomeGoods; (green ribbon, votives) Target stores. **CHAIRS** Martine Upholstered armchairs in army duck fabric, rh.com. **RUG** For a similar look, try Jaipur Rugs Poeme Arts and Crafts 9' x 12' rug in ivory/red, wayfair.com. **CURTAIN FABRIC** Poetical.23 fabric, Barbara Barry for Kravet, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **Kitchen: PENDANTS** Jackson Park Classic Single-Pole pendant, rejuvenation.com. **STOOLS** leeindustries.com. **COUNTERS** Calacatta gold marble. **SINK** For a similar look, try 30" Baldwin Fireclay farmhouse smooth apron sink, signaturehardware.com. **FAUCET** Chesterfield collection, newportbrass.com. **BACKSPLASH** Custom beveled edge ceramic tile, annsacks.com. **CABINETRY** custom. For a similar look, try Home Decorators Collection Newport Pacific White cabinetry, homedepot.com. **HARDWARE** Massey bin pull, rejuvenation.com. **Guest Bathroom: WALL TILES** americanolean.com. **VANITY** custom. **SCONCES** Deschutes Mission wall sconce lighting fixture, rejuvenation.com. **SHADE FABRIC** Idelle.517 by Kravet, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **TOWEL BAR** rejuvenation.com. **Guest Bedroom: HEADBOARD AND BEDSKIRT FABRIC** Greek Key in 174502 Ruby by F. Schumacher, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **ARMCHAIR** leeindustries.com. **FABRIC** Idelle.517 by Kravet, decorative buyingservice.com for buying info. **THROWS** Cozy cable knit throw in cardinal, potterybarn.com. **LAMP** Robert Abbey Lily White Triple Gourd ceramic buffet lamp, lampsplus.com. **SHADE FABRIC** Citysquare Wildrose fabric by Thom Filicia for Kravet, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info. **Kids' Bedroom: BEDS** Costco. For a similar look, try Camp twin bed, pbkids.com. **BEDDING** Pottery Barn Kids. **PILLOWS** (monogrammed) ABC pillows, landofnod.com;

Navy Anchors, City Maze, and Navy Links pillows, caitlinwilson textiles.com. **SHADE FABRIC** Navy Anchors fabric, caitlinwilson textiles.com. **SCONCES** For a similar look, try Halfway Classic Swing-Arm wall sconce with 5" metal dome shade in cobalt, rejuvenation.com. **NIGHTSTAND** Jenny Lind nightstand in raspberry, landofnod.com. **RUNNER** Dash & Albert Cottage Stripe Crimson woven wool rug, sugarandspicedecor.com. **INTERIOR DESIGN** Caitlin Wilson, Portland, OR, caitlinwilson.com. **ARCHITECT** Patrick Anders, Patrick Anders Architecture/Planning, Little Rock, AR, 501-228-5021.

## KITCHEN STYLE

**Pages 113–117 Homemade-ish Food Gifts: Orange-Glazed Pound Cake: PAPER LOAF PAN** Tangerine Stripe rectangular 4 1/2"W x 2 1/2"D x 2 1/3"H loaf baking pans, \$23 for a set of 25, welcomehomebrands.com. **YUM! STAMP AND KNIFE** Yum! stamp, \$12, and plain wood knives, \$12 for a set of 20, both sucreshop.com. **GLASSINE** For a similar look, try glassine paper in pink, \$10 for a set of 9 sheets, fancyflours.com. **Fruit Syrups: BOTTLES** 8-ounce glass syrup bottles with caps, \$2 each, specialtybottle.com. **Raspberry Linzer Cookies: CONTAINERS** Clear 6"H x 3"-diameter tubes with gold caps, \$25.50 for a set of 12, papermart.com. **STICKERS** 1 1/4"-diameter round labels in chartreuse, \$6 for a set of 5 sheets, papersource.com; 3/4"-diameter round color code inventory label dot stickers in pink, \$2 for a set of 88 stickers, winterparkproducts.com; Avery removable self-adhesive 1/2"-diameter round color-coding labels in neon red, \$6 for a set of 840 stickers, staples.com. **COOKIE CUTTER** Scallop Blossom 2 1/2"-diameter cookie cutter, \$1, store.sugarcraftusa.com. **PAPER PUNCH** Clever Lever Scalloped Circle Mega craft punch, \$18, uchida.com. **GLASSINE** For a similar look, try



glassine paper in pink, \$10 for a set of 9 sheets, fancyflours.com. **Cranberry-Lime Vodka: BOTTLES** 375-milliliter wine bottles with white metal screw caps, \$48 for a set of 12, ebottles.com. **COASTERS** Letterpress chevron 4"-diameter coasters, \$14 for a set of 8, sesameletterpress.bigcartel.com. **STICKERS** (small) Recollections glitter alphabet block letter stickers in gold, \$3 for a set of 2 sheets, michaels.com; (large) Gold Glitter alphabet stickers, \$6 for a set of 10 sheets, papersource.com. **ROPE** 2.2-millimeter imported fine metallic twist in gold, \$2 per yard, mjtrim.com. **Pretzels: BOXES** Martha Stewart Crafts Swiss Dot 6¼"W x 2"D x 6¼"H compartment box, \$18 for a set of 6, shopsweetlulu.com. **TAGS** Recollections gift tags in pink, \$5 for a set of 10, michaels.com. **TAPE** Glitter tape in peony, parfait, and begonia, \$3 for 3 yards, americancrafts.com. **RIBBON** For a similar look, try a 1½" ombre taffeta ribbon, \$6 per yard, nicholaskniel.com. **Pages 118–120 One Yummy Kitchen:** **FLOORING** 16" x 16" Natural Cleft Brazilian green slate laid in a herringbone pattern, tileall.com. **CABINETRY AND**

**COUNTERTOPS** custom, jamesvanetten.com. **HARDWARE** Restoration Hardware. For a similar look, try Adeline pull, rh.com. **FAUCET** For a similar look, try Aberdeen chrome one-handle high arc pulldown kitchen faucet, moen.com. **ISLAND TOP** Honed black slate, renmarble.com. **STOOLS** For a similar look, try Irving stool, industrywest.com. **VENT HOOD** custom, veyko.com. **LIGHTING** Moon 10, Moon 12, Moon 14, and Moon 18 scrap lights, graypants.bigcartel.com. **TABLE** For a similar look, try Conrad Grebel Brentwood dining table in natural finish, wayfair.com. **RUG** custom. For a similar look, try Cantina area rug in yellow, homedecorators.com. **CHAIRS** For a similar look, try Irving chair, industrywest.com. **CLOCK** Karlsson PT Silverware Steel Multi Colour wall clock, fishpond.com. **INTERIOR DESIGN** Val Nehez, Ennis Nehez, Philadelphia, PA, ennisnehez.com. **ARCHITECT** Alan Metcalfe, Metcalfe Architecture & Design, LLC, Philadelphia, PA, 215-557-9200, metarchdesign.com. **CUSTOM BREAD TAB ARTWORK** Paul Schultz, thinkwithoutthebox.etsy.com.

## front door wreath snowflake how-to

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Fold six paper straws in half. Using an extra-long pipe cleaner or an 18-inch piece of crafts wire, twist-tie two straws together at the fold. Twist-tie two more straws to the two you just attached, then repeat with the last two straws. Use the rest of the pipe cleaner or wire to attach your snowflake to the wreath. To make smaller snowflakes, trim an inch from the straws before folding them.

**STRAWS:** The Sugar Diva Milkshake paper straws in red, \$7 for a set of 25, surlatable.com.

**WREATH:** Melrose International 30"-diameter pine wreath, \$60, amazon.com



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—Alison Victoria, *Kitchen Crashers*



Kitchen Standing Mixer 3½"-tall resin ornament, \$12, [ornamentshop.com](http://ornamentshop.com)



“I'm 100% into trimming the tree with tools. We've actually hung colorful little wrenches from our kids' tool sets on our Christmas tree—and this one fits right in.”

—Chip Wade, *Elbow Room*



Tool 3"-tall resin ornaments, \$10.50 for a mixed set of 6, [orientaltrading.com](http://orientaltrading.com)



**What's a fun ornament you can't wait to put on your tree?**

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—Taniya Nayak, HGTV designer



Scared Gingerbread Man 4½"-tall felt ornament, \$20, [theoffbeatbear.etsy.com](http://theoffbeatbear.etsy.com)



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—Drew Scott, *Property Brothers at Home*



Festive Sweater 4"-tall yarn ornament, \$7, [papersource.com](http://papersource.com)



“The gardener in me can't resist this cute wellie. I just love when a Christmas tree represents the people who decorate it.”

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